

Florida Grand Lodge, K. P. *The New York Age* 12-24-20 **Leads Order Financially**

Pythians Hold 3-Day Session at Ocala, Florida, and Are Addressed By Supreme Chancellor Green

Ocala, Fla.—The grand lodge of Knights of Pythias, Jurisdiction of Florida, closed one of the greatest sessions in the history of the order on May 20, after a three-days session in this city.

Among the many important measures that were put through during the session was a proposition to open a Pythian Bank in Jacksonville.

Supreme Chancellor S. W. Green was present, and commended the grand lodge on its wonderful progress. In the course of his address he said, "You have passed Louisiana; in fact, you lead us all. You are in better financial condition than any grand jurisdiction in the country, but do not think that you have too much money and begin to vote it out by the wholesale, for that will bankrupt you. There was a jurisdiction that once was the largest, now it is the smallest."

Strong in Finance.

The grand keeper of records and seal, Dr. C. R. Williams, reported receipts for the year, \$19,078.89; expenditures, \$13,093.51. S. H. Coleman, secretary endowment department, collected \$143,334; brought forward, \$63,548.65; assets, \$93,925. E. A. Pottsdamer, grand master of exchequer and treasurer endowment board reported receipts in the endowment department \$212,587.26; expenditures, \$89,951.76; balance, \$118,452.26; receipts in the grand lodge department \$20,317.73; expenditures \$13,099.99; balance, \$7,217.74. This report won loud applause.

Practically all of the old officers were re-elected to their various positions. W. W. Andrews and Charles L. Williams, both of Jacksonville, were elected supreme representatives.

Supreme Vice Chancellor S. G. Tidrington of Evansville, Ind., was also in attendance, and delivered a strong address.

The Grand Court of Calanthe was also in session in Ocala, and it is said that its meeting of this year was the greatest in the history of the order. Mrs. E. J. Colyer is grand worthy councillor.

ELKS LAY CORNER STONE; DOCTOR

MOPPINS SPEAKS

The Birmingham Post-Herald
On Thanksgiving day, 1920, the members and friends of Jones Valley Lodge No. 14, I. O. O. F. of W., assembled at the corner of 12th street and 8th avenue to lay the cornerstone for one of the most substantial and beautiful buildings ever erected by Negroes in Birmingham and in the world for that matter.

The services were impressive from beginning to end and showed that the Negro is now beginning to realize that a spirit of co-operation is necessary if they are to progress along the side of the other races. They were opened by the miracle man, the man who took the Elk's Lodge when it was about to fade away and brought it to the point where it could assemble this afternoon and rejoice over the erection of a \$70,000 building. This great man is no one less than the Exalted Ruler, W. W. Green. He called upon the chaplain, P. J. Harris, for prayer, after which he made an inspiring talk and told the men that they were going forward with the building to completion and that if he was a prophet he would prophecy the completion of the building by the first Sunday in April. He did not issue a prophecy, but invited all that were present to come back to the same spot the first Sunday in April and have the dedication ceremonies together. That statement was greeted with loud applause and wide spread approval.

The Exalted Ruler then thought it proper to call for remarks from two of the most loyal Elks of the order in the person of Bro. C. M. Harris, Past Exalted Ruler of the Elks and leader when the order was founded in 1901,

and Bro. R. E. Sims, the man who is greeted with applause whenever he is called upon to speak. Both of these gentlemen gave inspiring talks and their remarks were well received. Brother Willis then rendered a beautiful solo, after which the Exalted Ruler introduced the speaker of the occasion in the person of Dr. T. J. Moppins, pastor of the largest A. M. E. Zion church of the city of St. Louis, Mo. Dr. Moppins had many friends in the audience, in that he was an ex-pastor of this city. He was the pastor of the Metropolitan A. M. E. Zion church of this city for a number of years.

Dr. Moppins complimented the Elks Lodge upon such a laudable undertaking and pleaded for a spirit of co-operation among Negroes in this city. He showed that this building would be not only a source of pride to the colored citizens of Birmingham but to the colored citizens of America as well. He related to the history of the Jews and showed where they had stuck loyally and presented a united front from the beginning of their civilization among the early Egyptians down to the present era. He said this building would fill a great need to the colored citizens, as well as the Elks of Birmingham, in that they will have a place to take their friends and enjoy their leisure hours in a sociable way. The main part of his speech was brought out at the end and I am sure he said something that will stick with the members and friends for a long time and that was concerning our race leaders. He stated that we know the conditions in the south and our leaders know these conditions and that we should work unceasingly during the forth coming administration to rectify these conditions, and not be satisfied until we obtain equal justice and rights. The leaders should not compromise this question and say we understand each other, when we know this is all wrong. Our friends of the white race are working to improve our condition and when we say we understand each other and everything is all right we are not only betraying ourselves, but also our white friends. This statement brought forth loud and ringing applause. He closed this wonderful address by offering any aid within his power to the Elks Lodge, and said we would lead off this great drive by giving five dollars (\$5.00) to the first man that raised his hand for the laying of the cornerstone. Brother Robert Watkins received the \$5.00 and turned it over to the Secretary, Brother J. E. Kelley.

Exalted Ruler then called for the offering to be laid on the table and when it was counted more than \$475 had been collected. The cornerstone

was then laid by the Exalted Ruler and several members of the lodge and it was a beautiful scene to see the young daughter of Brother C. M. Harris participating in the ceremonies. Thus closed the most impressive services ever held by Negroes for the laying of a cornerstone in the Magic City.

T. E. Tolan Is Again Chosen Head of Order Which In Two Years Has Made Tremendous Growth in Resources And Membership. Elaborate Programs Rendered.

The report of finance of the Supreme Grand Officers of the Golden Chain of the World is worthy of consideration and study as set forth in a tabulation in the method of bookkeeping and business-like transactions. This fraternity, in its second annual meeting has shown marvelous advancement both in finances and membership. Starting twenty-four months ago with nothing, with no members, only the whispered dream of its founder, Supreme King, T. E. Tolan, the amount collected for all purposes during the past twelve months is \$34,313.68. With this increasing ratio and the spirit of enthusiasm and prudence in the handling of the finances, the amount in the near future will be fabulous to contemplate. The total amount of disbursement for all purposes during the past was \$30,850.97, as follows: Paid out from the general funds, \$17,763.38; Burial Relief Fund, \$12,368.38; Supreme Relief Fund, \$468.91; State Grand Circle Fund, \$106.74; State Grand Circle Fund, \$129.16; Supervision Fund, \$4.40; total disbursement, \$30,850.97; leaving a balance after paying all claims, \$3,462.71. This amount does not include the assets counted in the office equipments and other properties of the fraternity. The membership is 4,516, of this number, 3,652 are active members, and 864 are in a balance after paying all claims during the years, is 23, the total number receiving burial relief is 22.

Supreme Grand Officers.
T. E. Tolan, S. K.; J. R. Jordan, V. S. Knight; T. B. Madison, S. P. K.; O. B. Claiborne, S. T.; Eliza Williams, S. P.; W. H. Johnson, S. C. S. I. G.; J. W. Satterwhite, S. O. S.

Board of Managers.
G. W. Lynch, Chairman; Geo. Townsell, Secretary; R. B. Myers.

Board of Supreme Auditors.
V. T. Tubbs, Chief Auditor; Rev. W. M. Johnson, Secretary; Silas Coffey; L. W. Jeffrey, S. S.; A. S. Wells, S. A.; Dr. R. A. Henderson, S. P.; W. W. Cowens, S. R.

Office Staff.

This body consists of bookkeepers, stenographers, clerks, employed in the headquarters in the Supreme office, their names follow: Misses M. A. Henry, J. R. Harveys, C. L. Hawkins, E. M. Anderson, R. E. Cosseley, T. A. Richmond, F. Anderson, A. S. Blackburn and Mrs. E. E. Williams. Tuesday was taken up with the appointment of committees and usual routine business incidence attending the grand opening Wednesday was largely devoted to the report of the Grand Officers.

Thursday was Supreme Legislation day touching the discussion looking for the growth of the craft and its general advancement. Much effective work was accomplished along this line, while the delegates were enthusiastic and awake touching very interest of the Order, a special feature of which was the unusual good feelings that characterized the whole proceedings marked a new day among the 250 delegates who took part in

the proceedings.

Lodge of Sorrow.
Thursday night was set apart for the memorial exercises for those who died during the past year. Rev. W. W. Cowen was the Master of ceremonies on this occasion. V. T. Tubbs, read the roll of the deceased members, 23 who had died. The memorial sermon was preached by Rev. W. H. Johnson, of Kilgore, who spoke of the Christian test basing his discourse on Job. The great Bible character, followed by remarks of the master of ceremonies who spoke of the greatness of the Supreme King. T. E. Tolan and introduced him. The Macedonia choir rendered a splendid program of music which was complimented by the vast number of delegates that entered into the very spirit of the music. The choir rendered several selections suitable to the occasion. A large audience assembled in the Macedonia Baptist church in memory of the dead of the Golden Chain. Miss E. M. Watson was the pianist for the splendid choir.

T. E. Tolan, Supreme King Speaks.
"In the contemplation of the organization of this great fraternity, I thought of how I might immortalize my name," said Mr. Tolan, "I went down to the sea shore, there I knelt down, and anxious about the immortality of my name, I wrote it in the sand, and left, and in few days, I returned only to find that the tide of the sea had washed my name away. With sad heart, I hurried away to the forest with an ax with a double blade, hewed the bark from the giant oak of the forest, and there with the pencil wrote my name, and left, but in a few days I returned and found that the lightning had rendered the gnarl oak into shivers, and my name was lost among the ruins of the mighty oak. "What shall I do next?" said I to myself, in sad disappointment? I went into the quarry of the mountain, and there carved my name on a slab hewn from its rugged side, and engraved my name thereon, and placed it in my dwelling, but the house burned and the slab containing my name was charred and ruined and so my name. I then resolved to organize the Golden Chain of the World and write my name on the hearts of my fellow men." This remark and illustration brought loud applause and approval from all parts of the vast audience in the Macedonia Baptist church. Dr. W. W. Cowen introduced Mrs. T. E. Tolan, wife of the Supreme King. The address of Mr. Tolan will long be remembered both the interest it evinced in the Order and the earnestness with which he spoke of the growth and trials through which he passed to establish this fraternity for his people, an institution that all from six months old to ninety years could come under its sheltering folds and feel saying that it was not too late for the lowest and most humble, but a high for the highest, but a cater.

Programme of Music and Song.
On Wednesday evening, program conducted by Mrs. Portia Washington Pittman was carried out at the City

Hall in the interest of the Supreme Grand Lodge, in which Jerome Wright, Fred Johnson, Miss Ruby Pollard, Miss Annie Lacy, and Miss Lister took part. Rev. W. M. Johnson delivered a timely address full of instructions and seasoned with common sense. Mrs. Pittman deserves highest commendation for the success with which she conducted these exercises. **The Banquet and a Musicales Friday Night.**

Friday was devoted to a banquet in which covers were laid for 450 delegates and visitors, who also were entertained with a musical program again conducted by Mrs. Portia Pittman.

Distinguished Persons of Dallas Who Belong to The Golden Chain of the World.

Among the many distinguished persons who belong to the Golden Chain in Dallas, are the Rev. E. Arlington Wilson, Dr. R. S. Jenkins, Dr. A. S. Jackson and Prof. Williams, and others it is claimed belong to this rapidly growing Order which in its sweep will belt the entire south, as to its sample work for the masses.

The Delegation From All Parts of the State.

Two hundred and fifty delegates came from all parts of the state, and these were composed of both men and women, teachers, preachers, and the learned professions. Dallas has a number of lodges of this organization, and it is said that as many as two hundred joined during the session of the Supreme Grand Lodge. The growth is marvelous.

NEGRO G. U. O. D. F. CLOSSES SESSION

Wilmington, Del., September 14.

The 20th Negro B. M. C. of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows was held in this city to-day and was attended by more than 300 delegates from Delaware, West Virginia, Maryland, South Carolina, New York, New Jersey, Tennessee, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Arkansas, Wisconsin, and Minnesota. The meeting was presided over by Grand Master John S. Noel of West Virginia, and judging from the enthusiasm that was manifested by the delegates, the impression was made on the people who were in attendance with the spirit of independence of those who composed the B. M. C., was unabated. They were full of the spirit of not yielding to the iron hand of the Kaiser, who has so ruthlessly governed the Order for the past sixteen years.

Mayor Taylor welcomed the delegates to the city on behalf of the municipality, and Dr. Conwell Banton on behalf of the citizens of Wilmington. The addresses of both were responded to by Henry Lincoln Johnson, former Recorder of Deeds under President Taft. The following resolutions were unanimously adopted by the convention:

Whereas, we the Odd Fellows of the United States representing over fifteen states assembled in the city of

Wilmington, extend fraternal greetings to the Odd Fellows of the entire country.

We congratulate our race and the country in that since we met last in the city of New York during the war period that we have seen the end of the great world war. Our contribution to it was 400,000 strong in man power, millions in Liberty Bonds and that our decisive contribution helped to establish democracy throughout the world, believing that a part of this democracy would at least establish itself here at home.

Since the protection of the life of the citizens is the first concern of every government and is the constitutional guarantee of every known American citizen; and

WHEREAS, the unchecked aggression of mob violence disgraces democracy and mocks the constitution and that mandates over foreign countries we regard as subordinate to mandates over the violators of law in our country; and that the League of Nations as to how countries should vote is of secondary consideration, in a republic where all of its citizens have not the right to vote; we were outraged by the neutrality of Belgium but we regard the absolute subjugation of Haiti and the mockery made of the Haitian Republic of Santimingo by the present administration as contrary to the spirit of genuine democracy and fair play throughout the world.

Therefore, the B. M. C., while ordinarily non-political, endorses the Republican Party because it denounces the crime of mob violence and lynching; the denial of citizens the right to vote; the discrimination of American citizens because of colors in the exercise of the rights and privileges given to every other American citizen by the democratic party.

Therefore, it pledges its support to Warren G. Harding, the nominee for President and to Governor Coolidge for Vice-President, because they stand pledged by their past records and their utterances since their nomination, to the eradication of these evils in the government of his country.

Madam Mamie Hailey presided over the deliberation of the Household of Ruth, and from all accounts, the interest and enthusiasm was equal to that of the brothers. The following officers were elected:

Grand Master, John S. Noel, West Virginia, Deputy Grand Master, W. T. Francis, Minnesota, Grand Secretary, Robert J. Nelson, Pennsylvania, Grand Treasurer, Charles H. Colburn, Delaware; Grand Directors, William A. Cornelius, New York; W. T. Andrews, South Carolina; Thomas L. Newton, Arkansas; J. Anthony, Jo-

sey, Wisconsin; Grand Auditors, R. E. Warney, New York; J. G. Robinson, Tennessee and Harry H. Pace, Georgia.

Strife and Hatred Decried by Hutto, Addressing Pythians

Macon, Ga., July 14.—(Special).—Professor G. R. Hutto, of Bainbridge, was re-elected at the head of the negro Knights of Pythias following his address yesterday, and Mary Nelson Jones, of Augusta, was elected again at the head of the Court of Calanthe, the female branch of the order.

Both represent the progressive, conservative element of their race.

The other officers of the grand lodge elected were: J. J. Bolen, Savannah, past grand chancellor; W. T. Reid, Macon, vice grand chancellor; W. B. Warren, Augusta, grand keeper of records and seals; G. N. Stoney, M. D., Augusta, grand master of exchequer; C. M. McCarthy, Albany, secretary-treasurer, endowment department; M. M. Alston, M. D., McDaniel, grand prelate; W. D. Savage, Sandersville, grand master at arms; J. W. Davis, Dawson, grand inner guard; C. J. Smith, Bainbridge, grand outer guard; W. R. Mack, Augusta, grand lecturer; E. W. Sherman, Savannah, member of endowment board; J. H. Watson, Albany, G. R. Hutto, Bainbridge, E. J. Turner, Columbus, J. L. Cowins, M. D., investment committee; P. A. Allen, Atlanta, grand attorney; E. J. Matthews, Dawson, R. W. Hudson, Savannah, auditors; A. S. Staley, Americus, secretary.

"We start upon another year together," said Chancellor Hutto in his address, "and there is much for us to do. We want to make it just a little higher up the road of progress. Now is the time we must be careful in our sayings. Any man who speaks of race strife, race hatred, or race antipathy is a dangerous man, I care not to what race he may belong, or what his position may be, and while others may preach the doctrine of hate, let us teach ours of love. Let every Pythian be a law-abiding citizen, and in addition to this, let every one strive to own his own home."

Supreme Representatives Charles A. Clark, of Brunswick, addressed the gathering and advised the members present to own their homes, saying: "I have no love for the negro who sits around complaining instead of doing something. This is an age of do something. We have too many failures in life who call themselves race leaders going around telling us how to do what they themselves cannot do, succeed."

The International Order of Daniel is the reconstructive institution that is doing such a progressive work in bringing the Colored people together in our state, and with the Supreme Grand Master B. F. Peyton, leading with Prof. W. C. Stewart, Supreme Deputy, assisting him, it is bound to become a success.

B. F. PEYTON, Supreme Grand Master, 3306 Arch St. Little Rock, Ark.

LEGAL B. M. C. MUST BE AT WASHINGTON

**Claim Made That Noel and Supporters
Are Only Legally Recognized
Body.**

COURT ORDER IS CITED

**Charge Supporters of Morris With
Attempt to Mislead Members of
Order and To Ignore Court Order.**

Members of the Grant United Order of Odd Fellows in New York City who are loyal to the Noel-Davis faction, which was recognized in decision from the Court of Common Pleas, No. 3, Philadelphia, Judge Ferguson, presiding, on April 23, as the legally constituted element of the Order are taking a decided stand in opposition to the announcement sent out by supporters of the Morris administration, which was published in The Age of June 12, to the effect that the regularly constituted B. M. C. would be held in New York on September 13.

William A. Cornelius, 56 West 140th street, grand director-elect of the Noel-Davis group, and Richard E. Warner, 2412 Seventh avenue, both of New York City, have made public a reply to the claims of the district grand lodge officers of the State of New York, as to the holding of the next B. M. C., in which they declare that the only legal B. M. C., following the decision handed down by Judge Ferguson, is the one to be held at Wilmington, Del., as decided upon by Grand Master-elect Noel and his supporters.

Civil Law Is Supreme.

Attention is called to the facts that it is impossible for the so-called officials of a secret or benevolent order to put the laws of that order above the civil laws of the land, and that if the New York officials had the order's interest at heart, they would have advised members of the lodge to be law-abiding. The statement issued by Messrs. Warner and Cornelius is in part as follows:

"In the columns of the June 12 issue of this paper appeared an article to the effect that the 20th B. M. C. session of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows will be held in New York City, beginning Monday, September 13, 1920. The article as published by the district grand lodge officers of the State of New York

is only another positive assurance that, as vassals of ex-Grand Master Edward H. Morris, they will stoop to anything to mislead the rank and file of the membership of the order in this city and State who might not be in a position to know the facts. In putting together their article, if they had the order's interest at heart and were loyal Americans, they would surely have advised the brothers and sisters to be law-abiding.

Facts of the Case.

"Where, in the history of these United States, has it been known that the laws of a secret or benevolent society superseded the laws of the land, the facts in the case growing out of the B. M. C. meeting held in New York City in September, 1918, are too well known by the members and friends of the order to be gone over."

"The case was heard before Judge Ferguson and a jury in the Court of Commons Pleas No. 3, in Philadelphia, and after a ten-days' hearing the jury, on April 23rd last, rendered a verdict declaring that there was only one legal session held in New York City, namely, Manhattan City; that the officers elected at said session are the only rightful officers and that the place designated by said session for the holding of the 20th B. M. C. in September, 1920, the only legal place.

"These things being true, it naturally follows that Wilmington, Del. is the only rightful place and no New York City. 'How long, O Lord, how long,' will these men who have prostituted the powers of their respective offices continue to mislead the membership of the order to further their own selfish aims?

Preparing for B. M. C.

"No pains or expense is being spared by Grand-Treasurer-elect Charles Colburn, and his grand committee of arrangements in Delaware to make the meeting in September surpass all others in the history of the order. The New York state delegation will be called together shortly for the purpose of organization so as to present a solid front, with the slogan 'On to Wilmington.' All delegates from lodges, households, patriarchies and juveniles are expected to answer the call. Due and timely notice will be given all delegates and visitors as to railroad rates, room and board.

"Further information as is now available will be gladly given by applying to Grand Director-elect William A. Cornelius, 56 West 140th street, New York, or Richard E. Warner, 2412 Seventh avenue, New York."

Masonic Grand Masters Hold Conference

Savannah Tribune
(Associated Negro Press)
Cincinnati, Ohio, Sept. 8th. At a meeting of the International Conference of Colored Grand Masters, Past Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries of the National Imperial Council of Colored Shriners and Knights Templars in annual convocation in Cincinnati, W. T. Wood, Grand Master of Alabama, was elected President of the International Conference, C. E. Crittendon, Grand Master of Missouri, was chosen First Vice President; D. W. Parker, Grand Master of New York, Second Vice President; J. W. Barnes, Past Grand Master of Virginia, Third Vice President; T. B. Sandiman, of Tennessee, Secretary and E. J. Hawkins, of Kansas, Treasurer.

The meeting was attended by more than 150 Negro Masonic leaders of the United States, Canada and Liberia.

Members of the Executive Committee elected at the biennial session were: L. M. Straythorne, Tennessee; H. I. Monroe, Kansas; E. H. Holmes, Washington; H. R. Butler, Georgia; J. L. Thompson, Iowa; J. C. Logan, Ohio. Following the meeting the delegates, numbering 3,000, held an outing at the Zoo.

ORDER OF MOSES MEETS AT WASH. D. C.

Associated Negro Press

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 3.—Seven-hundred delegates, chiefly from the South, assembled in Washington to celebrate the fifty-third anniversary of the Ancient United Order of Moses. The celebration took place in the John Wesley A. M. E. Z. Church. A welcome address on the part of the Court of Calanthe was delivered by Mrs. Esther J. Murry. Mrs. Julia Mason Layton was at her best in extending a cordial welcome to the delegates on behalf of the various fraternal organizations of the city. In her address, she made strong points relating to the political situation and was received with round after round of applause. Mrs. Layton and Mrs. Murry were made life members of the order, and were presented with badges.

Grand Master Morris Wins Reversal of Court Verdict

Philadelphia Court Decision On July 12 Declares Noel-Davis Body Held No Legal B. M. C. in 1918

Word was received in New York that the Court of Common Pleas in Philadelphia, Pa., sitting en banc, on Monday, July 12, handed down a decision in answer to the prayers of the Morris faction of the G. U. O. O. F., reversing the verdict of the Court of Common Pleas, No. 3, Judge Ferguson presiding, of April 23, in favor of the Noel-Davis body. The last decision grants the plea of Grand Master Morris and his fellow officers for a new trial and for judgment non obstanta veredicto.

The court, in its decision, expressed the opinion that the Noel-Davis body did not hold a legal B. M. C. in New York in 1918 and that, therefore, serious consideration cannot be given in a court of justice to the action of such a meeting.

Judgment is entered in favor of the Morris Sub-Committee of Management, recognizing Edward H. Morris as grand master; Dr. I. L. Roberts, deputy grand master; W. David Brown, grand treasurer; James F. Needham, grand secretary, and their associates, as the legal officers of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows.

Morris Issues Announcement.

An announcement issued Monday evening by Grand Master Morris has been sent to members of the Order calling attention to the court decision, and to the fact that the meeting of the B. M. C. scheduled for September 13 at New York City is the only legal forthcoming session of that body.

District Grand Secretary James F. Adair of Brooklyn, N. Y., has issued a statement, which, after reciting the decision of the Philadelphia court, reads as follows:

"Thus it will be seen that the destructive forces of the men who have spared neither time nor money to spread their doctrine of discord among the Orders' vast membership in their attempts to split the order has come to naught—as they should. Fortunately for the order it had such splendid leadership in Grand Master Morris, Editor Henry P. Slaughter, Master of the Odd Fellows Journal, Grand Treasurer W. David Brown, Dr. Isaac L. Roberts, deputy grand master, James F. Needham, grand secretary, and their colleagues as well as the united backing of the District Grand Lodges of practically all of the states that the efforts of these destroyers failed.

"As is usual, where there is important constructive work to be done, the sisters of the Households of Ruth did their part nobly. Much credit is due to Grand Worthy Superior Mary A. Parker of Washington, D. C., as well as Sister B. E. de Toscano and Mrs. Lillie Prattis of New York, and a host of others who were always ready to render whatever

assistance they could. Their support is appreciated, as they helped to keep the Order true to its principles and name, the GRAND UNITED ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS IN AMERICA, one and inseparable, forever to serve mankind as the founders intended it to do."

NEW ORLEANS I.A. ITEM
APRIL 28, 1920

Negro K. of P. Endowment Receipts Increase \$10,054

Receipts of the endowment department of the colored grand lodge Knights of Pythias increased \$10,054 last year, and all claims now due are paid, S. W. Green, grand chancellor, reported at Tuesday's session of the grand lodge in the colored Pythian Temple.

A total of \$63,700 was paid out in benefits during the year and collections amounted to \$72,948. Since the organization of the endowment department \$700,754 has been paid out, Chancellor Smith reported. Eight new lodges were established and two reinstated during the year.

Reports were also submitted by: Mrs. L. A. Green, president colored girls' home, showing contributions of \$1831; John D. Brown, grand recorder; Master Morris, Editor Henry P. Slaughter, grand chequer; F. S. Young, chairman of endowment; F. B. Smith, grand attorney; Dr. B. F. Easter, grand medical registrar. Prince U. Kaba Rega of Africa, spoke.

\$156,000 Collected by Masons of Alabama; Grand Chapter Col- lects Twenty-Seven Thousand

ALL DEPTS. IN FINE SHAPE; MASONS MAKE INCREASE OF NEARLY 5,000 MEMBERS WIPED OUT OLD DEBT OF ORDER

The Grand Lodge of Masons and Eastern Stars closed their annual session here Thursday. More than 2700 people, delegates and friends attended the sessions. Records show it to be the largest delegation in the history of the fraternity in this State.

Walter Thomas Woods of Tuskegee Institute, is Grand Master of the Order, and during the fraternal year has chartered 67 new lodges and reported an increase of 4700 in membership. Prominent visitors from other states attended the meeting, and Grand officers of other fraternities addressed the Grand Lodge. R. A. Blount, Grand Chancellor of the K. of P.'s of Alabama addressed the Grand Lodge Wednesday and told of the work of the Pythians of this State.

Endowment Secretary A. A. Peters, of Girard, Ala., reported a collection for this year of \$156,574.30, the Grand Secretary C. N. McDaniels of Hartselle, Ala., reported a collection of \$12,680; Grand Auditor W. H. Carter, of Tuskegee Institute reported 15,000 financial members in the State, an increase over last year of more than 4,000.

Grand Master Woods and the entire official family, was given a vote of thanks for progress made during the last fraternal year.

Perhaps the most spirited debate in the whole convention and which lasted nearly four hours, was on the resolution presented Wednesday by Oscar W. Adams, requiring the entire time of the Grand Master for the salary and fees offered. The proposition met with strenuous opposition from some quarters, but finally passed by unanimous vote. Many speeches were made favoring the pro-

position, while others were made in the Grand Lodge just closed here: opposition.

The Eastern Stars held their session at the Metropolitan A. M. E. Zion Church, headed by Mrs. Janie M. Balasco, of Mobile, Ala., and in their reports they had a collection from all departments of \$26,973.00, with all claims paid, showing a large balance in the Endowment Treasury.

The amount of collections for the year from all departments of the Masons and Eastern Stars will aggregate \$196,227.30, with all current claims paid and the two organizations with a balance of \$78,000,000 in the treasuries.

Officers elected for the Masonic Grand Lodge are: W. T. Woods, of Tuskegee Institute, Ala., Grand Master; Dr. W. H. H. Nixon, of Selma, Deputy Grand Master; C. N. McDaniels, of Hartselle, Grand Secretary; J. O. Diffay, of Birmingham, Grand Treasurer; J. P. Phillips, Senior Warden; Frank G. Hill, Montgomery, Junior Warden; A. A. Peters, of Girard, Endowment Secretary; R. B. Hudson, of Selma, Endowment Treasurer, and Dr. L. L. Burwell, of Selma, Grand Medical Registrar. The Birmingham Reporter was again adopted as the Official Organ of the Order.

The Grand Chapter of Eastern Stars elected Mrs. Janie M. Balasco, of Mobile, Grand Royal Matron; Mrs. Elizabeth Davidson, Asst. Royal Grand Matron; I. H. Rose, Grand Royal Patron; J. H. Creed, Assistant Grand Royal Patron; Mrs. Ella Burwell, Grand Secretary; Mrs. A. B. Moore, Grand Treasurer; Mrs. A. E. Douglass, Endowment Secretary and Mrs. Ella V. Brazier, Endowment Treasurer.

Here is the full text of Grand Master Wood's address as made at

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

My Dear Brethren: It is again my pleasure and privilege to fraternally welcome you as we assemble in the Forty-Third Annual Communication of our Grand Lodge. Under the watchful eye of the Great Architect of the Universe, we have been preserved another year and are permitted once more to meet under most auspicious circumstances in another Grand Lodge. Here we are to deliberate upon measures most intimately connected with the welfare of our order and the building up of manhood in honor of our Great Architect.

In watching over the Masonic interests committed to my charge by you, I have endeavored to keep our Fraternity in a good and healthy condition. Divine Providence still grants blessings to us. We have health, prosperity and happiness; hence we fall far short in our duty as Christians and Masons if we fail to make devout acknowledgement of our ten thousand obligations for manifold blessings freely lavished upon us. Certainly you unite with us saying, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

As a society, the Grand Lodge of Alabama have great cause for thankfulness. No previous year has shown such prosperity among our "subordinate" lodges. Good and upright men are knocking at the door for admission and, of course, are granted after strict trial, the rights and privileges of our time-honored fraternity.

New lodges are springing into existence as by magic, in various portions of our jurisdiction. And the sound of the gavel is heard where heretofore no sign of a workman was

to be seen.

My brethren, we avow ourselves Masons and by your and our association, we avow ourselves believers in the benignity of the mission of Masonry to man.

When darkness covered the earth, and gross darkness, the people, the genius of Masonry, stepped forth and lit her torch at the Altar of Divinity, marched forth in strength and beauty on her great and glorious mission of love and charity to the children of men.

Reviewing this great work and rejoicing in our successes let us pray that the Great Architect may continue to lavish his blessings upon our fraternity.

You will perceive, however, that our duty is only half performed when discharged to the craft, it must extend to the entire family of man, and only as we earnestly perform that part of our obligation can we be found in line with the great founder of our time-honored institution, but greater than all in line with him who gave creation her command to march forth till time shall be no more. You will, therefore, feel it incumbent upon you not only to administer to charitable calls for pecuniary aid but my brethren, you must give from a full heart a breath of sympathy, healing consolation; these administered only as the Christian Mason knows how to give will do more to cement the bond of fellowship than words can express.

Look well, then to your duties as Masons; have respect for yourselves and your high calling, living and practicing out of the lodge the things which are taught therein, that others seeing how careful you are to observe the principles of our most sacred institution may see the influence which true Masons exert in which they will be constrained to render credit to merit.

I am delighted in the thought that the time approaches when every Mason will see eye to eye when every principle of the Masonic Fraternity will be observed, and taught. I allude to no modern Masonry, to no innovation from the time of Solomon believing what Masonry was, Masonry is today, fully convinced whatever Masonry required of its craftsmen in King Solomon's time, it requires of its craftsmen today. Whatever it taught to the perfect development of a noble manhood and each workman performing his part as a fellow workman then the same demand is made today.

Seeing the important charge committed the great trust delegated and transmitted by "our fathers" how im-

portant that the entrance to our sanctum sanctorum be guarded against the approach of the unworthy, how careful that our membership bear in mind that "eternal vigilance is the price of liberty."

So it is of Masonry. Therefore the utmost care should be in selecting the material with which to construct our noble order. This is strictly necessary that its several parts may fit with exactness.

Let us labor then to build wisely, earnestly and well, that the world may be better because of the influence exerted by us. That its bitter disappointment may never pain our hearts. But life's work well performed may crown your efforts as brothers of the mystic tie, remembering that good works live forever and as love pass to the sphere beyond.

Foreign Relations.

Our relations with all legal bodies of Masons are very friendly. We have perfect peace and harmony existing between our jurisdiction and all other jurisdictions. I received an invitation from our sister jurisdiction the State of Tennessee, to appear on program August 2nd, 1920, at Nashville, Tenn, on occasion of their fiftieth anniversary. Also invitation to attend Golden Jubilee of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, June 14th, at Savannah, Ga.



WALTER THOMAS WOODS.

Re-elected by acclamation as Grand Master of the Masonic Order in the State of Alabama.

Noel-Davis Faction Holds B. M. C. at Wilmington, Del.

One Day's Session Is Attended by 309 Delegates from 13 States--Noel and Staff Re-elected--1922 at Hot Springs.

(Special to THE NEW YORK AGE)

Wilmington, Del.—The Noel-Davis faction of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows held its session of the B. M. C. in this city on Monday, September 18, with an enrollment of 309 delegates present from Delaware, West Virginia, Maryland, South Carolina, New York, New Jersey, Tennessee, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Georgia, Ohio and Kansas. The sessions were held at National Hall.

A cordial welcome was extended the delegates by His Honor Mayor Taylor, and John Cornwell Banton made the response.

The principal addresses of the session were made by Col. Henry Lincoln Johnson, Benjamin J. Davis, Mme. Mamie Hailey and Harry H. Pace.

Resolutions were passed condemning lynching and commending Senator Harding's stand on the race question. Harding and Coolidge were endorsed as Presidential candidates.

Noel and Staff Re-elected.

The following officers were elected: John S. Noel, West Virginia, grand master; W. T. Francis, Minnesota, deputy grand master; Robert J. Nelson, Pennsylvania, grand secretary; Charles H. Colburn, Delaware, grand treasurer; W. T. Andrews, South Carolina, J. Anthony Josey, Wisconsin, Wm. E. Cornelius, New York, Thomas L. Newton, Arkansas, grand directors; R. E. Warner, New York, Harry H. Pace, Georgia, Rev. J. G. Robinson, Tennessee, grand auditors.

The B. M. C. adjourned Monday night after accepting an invitation for the next session to be held at Hot Springs, Ark., September, 1922.

Legal B. M. C. Must Be at Wilmington

Claim Made That Noel and Supporters Are Only Legally Recognized Body

Court Order Is Cited

Charge Supporters of Morris with Attempt to Mislead Members of Order and to Ignore Court Order

Members of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows in New York City who are loyal to the Noel-Davis faction, which was recognized in a decision from the Court of Common Pleas, No. 3 Philadelphia, Judge Ferguson, presiding, on April 23, as the legally constituted element of the Order are taking a decided stand in opposition to the announcement sent out by supporters of the Morris administration, which was published in The Age of June 12, to the effect that the regularly constituted B. M. C. would be held in New York on September 13.

William A. Cornelius, 56 West 140th street, grand director-elect of the Noel-Davis group, and Richard E. Warner, 2412 Seventh avenue, both of New York City, have made public a reply to the claims of the district grand lodge officers of the State of New York, as to the holding of the next B. M. C. in which they declare that the only legal B. M. C. following the decision handed down by Judge Ferguson, is the one to be held at Wilmington, Del., as decided upon by Grand Master-elect Noel and his supporters.

Civil Law Is Supreme.

Attention is called to the fact that it is impossible for the so-called officials of a secret or benevolent order to put the laws of that order above the civil laws of the land, and that if the New York officials had the order's interest at heart, they would have advised members of the lodge to be law-abiding. The statement issued by Messrs. Warner and Cornelius is in part as follows:

"In the columns of the June 12 issue of this paper appeared an article to the effect that the 20th B. M. C. session of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows will be held in New York City, beginning Monday, September 13, 1920. The article as published by the district grand lodge officers of the State of New York is only another positive assurance that, as vassals of ex-Grand Master Edward H. Morris, they will stoop to anything to mislead the rank and file of the membership of the order in this city and State who might not be in a position to know the facts. In putting together their article, if they had the order's interest at heart and were loyal Americans, they would surely have advised the brothers and sisters to be law-abiding.

Facts of the Case.

"Where, in the history of these United States, has it been known that the laws of a secret or benevolent society superseded the laws of the land. The facts in the case growing out of the B. M. C. meeting held in New York City in September, 1918, are too well known by the members and friends of the order to be gone over.

"The case was heard before Judge Ferguson and a jury in the Court of Common Pleas No. 3, in Philadelphia, and after a ten-days' hearing, the jury, on April 23d last, rendered a verdict declaring that there was only one legal

session held in New York City, namely, Manhattan Casino; that the officers elected at said session are the only rightful officers, and that the place designated by said session for the holding of the 20th B. M. C. in September, 1920, the only legal place.

"These things being true, it naturally follows that Wilmington, Del., is the only rightful place and not New York City. 'How long, Oh Lord, how long,' will these men who have prostituted the powers of their respective offices continue to mislead the membership of the order to further their own selfish aims?

Preparing for B. M. C.

"No pains or expense is being spared by Grand-Treasurer-elect Charles Colburn, and his grand committee of arrangements in Delaware to make the meeting in September surpass all others in the history of the order. The New York state delegation will be called together shortly for the purpose of organization so as to present a solid front, with the slogan 'On to Wilmington.' All delegates from lodges, households, patriarchies and juveniles are expected to answer the call. Due and timely notice will be given all delegates and visitors as to railroad rates, room and board.

"Further information as is now available will be gladly given by applying to Grand Director-elect William A. Cornelius, 56 West 140th street, New York, or Richard E. Warner, 2412 Seventh avenue, New York."

NEGRO ORDER CONVENES
LITTLE ROCK ARK GAZETTE
AUGUST 11, 1920
Progressive True Aid Society Meets
at Union Valley Church.

The Progressive True Aid Society of America grand lodge, negro fraternal society convened yesterday at the Union Valley Baptist Church, the Rev. R. P. Wilson pastor. The first session was spent in appointing committees and receiving reports from various committees and delegates. The officers are H. F. Shannon, N. G. M.; Allen Hatter, treasurer; J. C. Davis, End. secretary; P. J. Van Pelt, reporter. The Rev. R. P. Wilson and L. L. Worlds were visitors to the convention.

The convention will be in session several days the time to be devoted to hearing reports, revising the by-laws and constitution and electing officers.

COLORED LODGES TO RHY HOME

WHEELING W. V. INTELLIGENCE
FEBRUARY 13, 1920
TRUSTEES OF COLORED PYTHIANS,
ELKS AND MASONS INCORPOR-
ATE STOCK COMPANY.

Stock Will be Offered For Sale at Once
Several Pieces of Property
Being Considered.

Trustees of the three leading colored lodges of Wheeling have incorporated a stock company for the purpose of buying property for a meeting place for the three organizations.

The lodges whose trustees are included in the list of incorporators, to whom the secretary of state has just issued a charter, are Morningstar Lodge No. 2, Knights of Pythias, Panhandle Lodge No. 75 of the colored Elks and King Solomon Lodge No. 7 of Masons. Stock will be thrown upon the market for sale to members of these organizations, and several desirable pieces of property are under consideration.

Tom Arrington, one of the trustees named as an incorporator of the stock company, stated that plans for such a step have been under consideration for thirty-five years, as these lodges have memberships totaling into the hundreds. The lodges have been meeting in the old People's bank building on Main street.



Ramsay City
Q. J. GILMORE

Exalted Ruler of Midwest Lodge No. 233 and the moving spirit in the magnificent entertainment given the recent Grand Lodge of Elks.

YORK RITE MASONS CAN OPERATE IN MARYLAND

(Special to THE NEW YORK AGE)
Annapolis, Md.—The Court of Appeals has handed down a decision upholding the right of the York Rite Masons to set up lodges in Maryland. The decision affirms one by the Circuit Court of Baltimore City, in a suit instituted by the most Worshipful United Grand Lodge of Maryland.

WELCOME TO THE WOODMEN

The Cleveland Advocate
Next week—July 28 to 31, inclusive—Cleveland will open its doors to the convention of "The American Woodmen". It is with genuine pleasure and sincerity that Cleveland bids "The Woodmen" welcome. The delegates who come belong to an order of stability, of merit and withal of abounding usefulness. In the roster of agencies of racial uplift and pride "The American Woodmen" occupies a lofty niche, and it is in view of this acknowledged fact that all Cleveland greets the order royally.

Captained in these regions by Superintendent C. C. Cade—a man of sterling worth—"The American Woodmen" has gathered into its ranks hundreds of worth-while citizens, and abundant promise of future growth is evident in the lustiness of the order's voice.

This city of homes and good cheer is proud of the honor bestowed upon it in the decision of "The Woodmen" to sojourn in its midst to deliberate and counsel, and with grateful appreciation of the favor "The Forest City" awaits the vanguard of the delegates.

Gentlemen of the noted order—"American Woodman"—you are thrice welcome!

MORRIS MASON FACTION TRIUMPHS OVER NOEL FACTION IN HIGH COURT DECISION BY PHILADELPHIA JURIST

The New York Herald
Grand Master Morris, Grand Secy. Needham, Grand Treas. W. David Brown and Their Associates Win a Great Victory in the Courts of Philadelphia — All the Regular Officers of the Sub-Committee of Management Sustained — Grand City September

The long drawnout case of so-called members of the against the regularly elected grand officers of the sub-committee of management of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows in America, which has been before the public for the past two years, after the expenditure of much time and money in a futile effort to wreck, split or break up the largest and most representative organization of the race, came to an end yesterday in Philadelphia, when the court of Common Pleas, sitting in banc, handed down an opinion in the Odd Fellows case of Noel et al. against Edward H. Morris, and the members of the sub-committee of Management, deciding that Noel and his followers did not hold a legal B. M. C. in New York in 1918, and that therefore, serious consideration cannot be given by a court of justice to the action of such a meeting. The court therefore entered judgment in favor of the regular officers of the sub-committee of management, thereby recognizing Grand Master Edward H. Morris, Deputy Grand Master Dr. I. L. Roberts, Grand Treasurer W. David Brown, Grand Secretary James F. Needham and their associates of the sub-committee of management as the only legal officers of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows in America.

Thus it will be seen that the destructive forces of the men who have spared neither time nor money to spread their doctrine of discord among the order's vast membership in their attempts to split the order has come to naught—as they should. Fortunately for the order it had such splendid leadership in Grand Master Morris, Editor Henry P. Slaughter, of the Odd Fellows Journal; Grand Treasurer W. David Brown, Dr. Isaac L. Roberts, Deputy Grand Master James F. Needham, and their colleagues as well as the united backing of the District Grand Lodges of practically all of the states that the efforts of this crowd of alleged soreheads and destroyers did not succeed. As is usual in such cases or where there is important constructive work to be done the sisters of the households of Ruth did their part nobly. Much credit is due to Grand Worthy Superior Mary A. Parker, of Washington, D. C., as well as Grand Worthy Recorder, Sister B.

E. deTuscano, and Mrs. Lillie Prattis, of New York, and a host of others who was always ready to render whatever assistance they could. Their support is also appreciated, as they helped to keep the order true to its principles and name as in fact the Grand United Order of Odd Fellow in America, one and inseparable forever to serve mankind, as the founders intended it to do.

Mrs. Mary Alice Parker was reelected as most worthy grand superior, and Mrs. B. E. deTuscano was reelected as most worthy grand recorder.

Past Grand Master Lasalle, of Louisiana, was elected to head the grand masters organization, and H. H. Nailor was elected grand secretary.

The New York grand committee of arrangements had arranged to make the 1918 meeting in New York a demonstration commemorative of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the institution of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows in America. That, of course, had to be postponed along with the meeting of the B. M. C. to this year.

Two features of this demonstration marked the triumph both for the order and the local committee.

The grand street parade was an impressive pageant. It was over two miles in length. Two platoons of mounted policemen and two platoons on foot preceded the five mile line of march down the historic Fifth avenue from 104th street to the Seventy-first armory.

Heading the procession proper were Colonel Jacob E. Reed, acting major general of the patriarchy regiments and his staff. Then followed the uniformed patriarchy companies from various parts of the country, the marching clubs, patriarchies, lodges, councils, and households. In the line were

ten bands of music. The female members rode in automobiles, and 200 machines were required for their transportation.

Thursday afternoon athletic prize contests and patriarchy prize drills were held in the armory, and were witnessed by about 6,000 persons.

The prize winning companies were the Philadelphia and Pittsburgh companies.

Thursday night in the armory, nearly 8,000 admissions to the grand reception were recorded.

Numerous other features added to the auspiciousness of the festivities in connection with the jubilee celebration.

The B. M. C. adjourned to meet in Cleveland, Ohio, the second Monday in September 1922.

The Savannah Daily
Paid Out Over \$300,000 in 9 Years

AMERICAN WOODMEN HOLD BIG AND INTERESTING CONVENTION

Supreme Commander White of Denver Addresses Body

Americus, October 9th.—The fourth

annual convention of the Order of American Woodmen convened here on the 6th for a three day session. The meetings were largely attended and the people of Bethesda Baptist church, where the meetings were held, together with the citizens of Americus, spared no pains to make a real welcome for the foresters.

The program arranged for the opening session was very interesting, the principle feature being the address of Supreme Commander C. M. White, of Denver, Col., in which he congratulated the Woodmen of the state in the progress they had made within the past twelve months. His address was loudly cheered.

Tuesday morning the convention was organized and much business dispatched, being very pleasantly interrupted only for the introduction of some distinguished visitors and officers of the Supreme Camp, two of whom were Major General Jones, of Texas, who spoke on the uniform rank of the order, and Miss Moody, of the same state, who spoke on the work of the juvenile branch of the order.

Among the facts that were brought out at the convention concerning the affairs of the order were these: The American Woodmen, have, in nine years, paid off a \$300,000.00 indebtedness and have in their coffers today \$500,000.00 and that they are among the strongest organizations in the western part of the country with headquarters at Denver, Col.

Tuesday evening session, Dr. Reddick read the lesson of the evening and then introduced Rev. B. S. Hannah, of Valdosta, who delivered the main address of the night. At the close of the session, a free will offering of \$25 was raised for the church and speaker.

The closing day of the convention was taken up with reports from the auditing committee and other matters of vital interest to the foresters. The books of the various camps were examined and the three highest averages were found to be Camp No. 64, Dublin, Mrs. Killbrew, clerk; Camp No. 45, Savannah, Mrs. M. A. Cole, clerk, and Dawson Camp, Mrs. Outlaw, clerk.

The 1920 convention will be held in Macon, October 2.

CIRCLE NEGRO RELIEF HAS NEW SECRETARY

Miss Belle Davis was unanimously elected executive secretary of The Circle for Negro Relief, Inc. at the June meeting of the board of directors. Miss Davis is a native of Thomasville, Ga., a graduate of Fisk University and has made a record as a teacher of unusual character in the Branch Normal School of Arkansas and served as primary method teacher in summer normals at Tallahassee, Fla., and New Orleans. She had charge of the Fisk Jubilee Singers on their first tour of the Florida East Coast.

Miss Davis has just completed her work as field secretary for the Palmer Memorial Institute, located at Sedalia, N. C., where a beautiful \$100,000 building is being erected under the principalship of Mrs. Charlotte Hawkins Brown

NEW FRATERNAL INSURANCE COMPANY GRANTED A PERMIT

The Houston Informer
The Modern Americans, a fraternal benefit society organized under the insurance laws of Texas in Houston February 20, 1919, has received a permanent certificate and charter, under date of February 24, 1920, from the department of banking and insurance at Austin.

The liberal terms of its policy and other features connected therewith place it in a high niche among the fraternal insurance organizations doing business in Texas. Their policy combines the fraternal, old line and industrial features in one policy. The early maturity of its policies, adequate rates and cash payment at the age of 70 years, together with cash equities, surrender values, etc., substantially place it in the forefront of institutions of its kind.

The leading officials are: F. L. Artis, supreme director, Gonzales; J. D. Artis, supreme scribe, Houston; Wm. Bennett, supreme vice director, Edna; T. M. Fairchild, supreme treasurer, Houston; J. H. Dorn, supreme marshal, Houston; Dr. G. M. Wilkins, supreme medical examiner, Victoria; J. Palmer, supreme chaplain, Houston; H. C. Grant, supreme junior sentinel, San Antonio; Miss Grace Grant, supreme recorder, Victoria; Mrs. F. A. Artis, supreme directress, Gonzales; Will Giles, supreme outer guard, Victoria; Mrs. Z. Jackson, supreme vice directress, Houston; R. A. Jackson, supreme senior sentinel, Houston.

KY. ELKS TO UNVEIL MONUMENT TO HOWARD

(Special to THE NEW YORK AGE)
Covington, Ky.—A monument erected by the Grand Lodge of Elks to the late B. F. Howard founder of the Order, will be unveiled here on Sunday, July 4. The exercises which will be elaborate, will be under the auspices of the Lodge No. 1, of Cincinnati.

The speakers will include George W. F. McMechen, of Baltimore, grand exalted ruler; George E. Bates, of Newark, N. J. grand secretary, R. E. Pharrow, of Atlanta; William Lewis, of Baltimore, one of the oldest Elks in the country; and W. W. Johnson of Indianapolis.

ELKS MAKE MOVE FOR BIG THINGS

\$55,000 BUILDING TO BE ERECTED

That the colored Elks of Birmingham are making rapid strides was demonstrated last Monday night when at their regular meeting they voted to build a new home, and according to the plans submitted, at a cost of \$55,000. The building will be erected on the corner of 12th street and Eighth avenue. This plan has been in the making for the past eighteen months and it is now settled as being definite that the Elks will have a modern new home.

The organization in Birmingham has a membership between eight and nine hundred, and own the property on 12th street and 8th avenue. The present site has on it a story and a half frame building. This organization is one of the substantial institutions among Negroes of this district. Through the Elks Lodge many profitable and interesting entertainments are constantly given. W. W. Green, Exalted Ruler as well as a large number of other leaders in the organization are praised for the work being done by the Order among colored people. The Windhar Construction Company will be awarded the contract, their bid was accepted by the lodge in session Monday night.

AFTERMATH OF THE ELKS.

Now that the Elks convention has come and gone, we can soberly review the many things that were done to make their stay pleasant and to help advertise dear old Kansas City. And while the Sun would like to mention all the things that were done by different individuals to achieve the aforementioned result, it has not space to do so. But it must mention a few:

Colonel L. A. Knox, the astute and dignified Attorney, who was Grand Marshal of the Grand Parade, covered himself with glory and deserves special mention for the magnificent manner in which he handled this great parade and STARTED IT ON TIME. He was ably assisted by his energetic aides, Leroy Harris and Ralph Chilton. Hurrah for Judge Knox.

Martin Young, proprietor of the famous Spotless Kitchen, and the All Star Barber Shop, no finer than which can be found in the United States, also won universal praise from both visitors and home folks by the splendid luncheon and program served the visiting Elks at Labor Temple Thursday night.

It was a hummer, and proved conclusively that "Kid" knows his stuff.

Felix H. Payne was in the charge of the committee on housing and worked like a Trojan day and night for three months preceding the convention to see that all visitors were properly housed and cared for and he it said to his credit that we have yet to hear a single criticism on the part of any Elk.

Among the ladies Mesdames M. E. Dougherty, Emma Payne, Bertha St. Clair and Miss Alberta Collins deserve special mention for the delightful manner in which they entertained the visiting lady Elks and the magnificent reception tendered them at Lyric Hall Thursday night and he it said without boasting that there was not a handsomer gowned bunch of women from any city in the Union than our own Kansas City women and that's going some too.

Mr. T. B. Watkins, Kansas City's foremost undertaker and one of the most affable as well as cultured men of the race, was master of ceremonies at the big opening and it is needless to say that he performed the duties of this difficult task admirably. T. B. and his magnificent new twelve-passenger car were constantly in demand from the visiting ladies. Oh, you T. B.

Perhaps the one man above all others who was sought by everybody, who had to straighten out all kinks, smooth over all petty difficulties, where, and who was actually not allowed to sleep, day or night, during or preceding the Convention, was our own Q. J. Gilmore, Exalted Ruler of Midwest No. 233, whose indefatigable energy and tireless labor was rewarded by him being elected Grand Trustee of the Grand Lodge. Q. J. is an asset worth while and Kansas City wants it distinctly known that it cannot do without him.

MOORE ANON.

THE STRANGERS CLUB.

of Allen Chapel will meet Wednesday, September 8, for monthly meeting and election of officers at the residence of Mrs. Henry Richardson, 912 Michigan Avenue. All members are requested to bring a friend.

After spending a delightful summer in California with her mother and brother, Miss Neosho Venerable returned to Kansas City last week and is at home at 1018 Garfield Avenue. Clifton 1840.



GRAND CHANCELLOR A. W. LLOYD
Of the Knights of Pythias of Mo.
in the City Friday, Saturday and
Sunday of this week on official
business.

He is to meet the twelve local lodges of the city jointly Saturday night, September 4th, at Castle Hall, 18th and Troost Ave. It is his earnest request that the officers of each lodge be present at 8 o'clock sharp. Grand Chancellor Lloyd has accepted an invitation from Rev. B. G. Dawson to be present at the corner stone laying of Bethel A. M. E. Church Sunday, September 5th, and requests that all Pythians and Calantheans of Kansas City be present in a body at these ceremonies.

MOSAIC TEMPLARS TO BUILD
The Nashville
MODERN SKY SCRAPER FOR MEMPHIS
3-5-1920

A 12-story steel and concrete building to cost about \$500,000, to be the state home of the Mosaic Templars of America, one of the largest colored organizations of its kind in the United States, will be constructed on Beale Avenue, according to an announcement made yesterday.

The decision to construct the temple in Memphis was reached after a committee from the order canvassed other cities in Tennessee and after leading colored bankers and business men of Memphis had set before the officers of the lodge the splendid advantages Memphis offered.

Ground for the building is next to the Solvent Savings Bank and Trust Company. It has a frontage of 100 feet on Beale Avenue and extends north 160 feet. The property belonged to Frank McLaughlin. The purchase of the ground has been closed, plans for the new building drawn by architects and are now in their hands for bids on the contract.

The plans call for a modern theater on the ground floor of the building. The remaining floors will be occupied by the state officials of the Mosaic Templars of America, jurisdiction of Tennessee. There will be lodge rooms and an auditorium for lodge occasions.

The building will cover the entire space of ground disposed of by Mr. McLaughlin. It will be one of the finest and most modern buildings in Memphis, having elevators and all other conveniences. Later the lodge may decide to establish a roof garden on top of the building for patronage of the best colored people.

The Mosaic Templars of America is considered one of the richest and best more than \$200,000 in United States colored people. Its national headquarters is in Little Rock and state headquarters in Memphis.

During the war the society invested more than \$200,000 in United States Liberty Bonds. There are 28,000 members in Tennessee.

The building board is composed of B. M. Roddy, B. F. Booth, Dr. G. W. Atkins, J. W. Gross, Paul Sneed, Rev. J. L. Campbell, T. H. Hayes, Albert Stringer. First mortgage bonds, interest bearing, have been sold to finance the proposition.

Jacob B. Woods, Jr., state grand master of the order, is promoting the erection of the building. He says it will be one of the finest in the country and without a question one of the biggest propositions the colored men of the state have attempted.

A deal for the ground on which the building will be erected was closed through the King Realty Company by Sherman G. King. The purchase of the property represents an investment of \$20,000.

COLORED LEADER HAS PASSED AWAY
JANUARY 27, 1920

W. D. Drummonds, Organizer
of Large Negro Lodge,
Died Friday

The following has been written for The News by Prof. J. H. Tolbert, of Greenville:

A splendid old man has fallen. On

Friday night about ten o'clock the spirit of W. D. Drummonds passed from time to eternity. As we find such few men of his type we pause here and speak a few words of his life. Born during slavery time, he bet freedom with a desire to life up his fellow man. So for the past 35 or 40 years he has held the highest confidence and respect of his own people and of his white friends. His ambition in life was not to pile up wealth. Though he was a hard worker and for the past two years has handled a two-horse farm for the same man and got along well, he was late in life before he decided to buy a home of his own. In these days of money grabbing most men are measured by the amount of wealth left behind, very often to be thrown away by worthless heirs. When one dies, especially a Negro, we lose sight very often of everything save that he managed to get the "dough" and for that he is lauded as a great success. But W. D. Drummonds, as his colored called him or "Uncle Wade" as his white friends styled him, seemed to be one of those whom the poet wrote wanted to "live by the side of the road and be a friend to man." He was a loyal deacon of his church for years. His church and his God were first with him. Then he was a great worker along the educational line.

Though "Uncle Wade" did great work in other ways his greatest work was in the founding of the Working Benevolent Society. Seeing how some of his people suffered when sick and how hard it was for some to be buried decently, he organized a little society to aid along these lines about eighteen years ago. Five joiners the society at the time and they applied for a state charter as a Grand Benevolent Lodge. During the past eighteen years under his leadership as Grand President, the organization has grown until it has become one of the strongest Negro organizations in the country, having 129 live lodges with a membership of nearly 10,000, and having paid out for death claims over \$125,000 and having in cash over \$30,000 in the savings departments of banks. When the late war was on his organization, inspired by his own loyal advice, played its part, buying \$2,000 worth of Liberty Bonds and during the United War Work drive, gave in clear cash \$1500 to the Government. During his career as President of the Lodge he was always calm in his addresses and admonished his members to be law-abiding and useful citizens. At the last meeting in October he was elected, without opposition. His great following of young men and women said they meant for the father of the work to die in harness, and so he did. There is hope for any race that can produce a leader safe and sound as Wade D. Drummonds.

In his death, the race, state, church and society lose a powerful friend. The funeral services will be held Wednesday at noon from the New Pilgrim church, about three miles from Simpsonville.

Shriners No. Meeting
Cincinnati, Aug. 19.—The Imperial Council of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine meets here August 22nd to 27th. Three hundred Nobles with their wives will attend.

Mosaics Hold Annual Meet; 800 Delegates in Mobile; J. H. McConico Makes Strong Appeal for Justice

Lodge was made in an eloquent address by Dr. John W. Goodgame, of Birmingham, who said among other things:

Dr. Goodgame Speaks.

Assets national order, \$690,353.05.
Reports Show Remarkable Growth.

The thirty-seven years of remarkable achievement of the Mosaic Templars of America with national headquarters located at Little Rock, Arkansas, Dr. S. J. Elliott, National Grand Master, was brought out in reports read at the 12th annual session of the State Grand Lodge, jurisdiction of Alabama, L. L. Powell of Montgomery, Alabama, State Grand Master, held at the Franklin Street Baptist church, Mobile, July 20-22.

The four days sessions crowded into three days, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, were presided over alternately by National Grand Master Elliott, State Grand Master Powell and Past Grand Master Dr. G. W. Mitchell.

More than 800 delegates were present in the state, not including the Native representing the various lodges national Grand Master, National Auditor J. H. McConico, National Grand Secretary C. E. Bush, National Attorney S. H. Jones, Wash Jordan, National Chief Grand Deputy, and George E. Brown, National Grand Assistant Auditor, all of Little Rock.

Features of the Meeting.

The main features of the meeting were the cordial and brilliant welcome addresses, the address by National Grand Master Elliott, State Grand Master Powell, Dr. John W. Goodgame, of Birmingham; Mrs. M. G. Gibbs, of Montgomery, and the annual sermon preached by Rev. W. H. Farrell, State Grand Master of Georgia.

The welcome addresses were delivered by Dr. C. First Johnson, in place of Mayor Pillans, in behalf of the city; by Dr. E. T. Belsaw in behalf of the local lodges; on behalf of the churches by Rev. Dr. Dowdell and a fine paper was read by Mrs. M. G. Gibbs of Montgomery.

Response in behalf of the Grand

"Master of ceremonies, ladies and gentlemen. We are delighted with magnanimous welcome you extend to the Mosaics of Alabama.

When Pershing, our great military leader of the expeditionary forces in the recent world war, reached France he went to the grave of Lafayette and with body erect and face bowed toward the grave, said: 'Lafayette, we are here.' The expeditionary forces had come to pay back in blood and suffering the heroism of Lafayette displayed in behalf of America in the dark days of the Revolutionary War.

"The good people of Mobile, inviting us for years to meet with them and thereby placing us in debt to them, are hereby notified: 'We are here'—here to enjoy your balmy gulf breeze, your fresh salt water fish, your spring chickens, the generous welcome of the citizens of both races and the bountiful hospitalities of your beautiful homes. In behalf of the State Grand Lodge, jurisdiction of Alabama, and in behalf of the national order, represented by our highly esteemed National Grand Master and his associates in office, I have the honor of thanking his honor, the mayor, Dr. C. F. Johnson, Dr. Belsaw and Dr. Dowdell for your charming words of welcome extended to us tonight, which words were so heartily applauded by this magnificent audience of representative citizens of glorious Mobile—proverbial for her hospitality.

"And now I bring to you the greetings of the Mosaic Templars of America, representing eighteen states, Central and South America and Panama.

"Reports will be made during our sessions showing the growth of our order during the last thirty-seven years and the progress and achievement in the state of Alabama during twelve years past.

"Suffice it to say that our national

and international order has grown from a small beginning under its founders, J. E. Bush and C. W. Keatts, of honored memory, to 3,000 lodges more than 100,000 members under the business shall stand before king. Our triumph is a fitting vindication of the life of Keatts and Bush and a clarion call to black men to wring not their hands and weep as the snow capped Alps are no barrier to the fertile fields of Italy.

Looking Backward.

Standing upon the threshold of our 37th birthday, we can look backward at the thorns while we enjoy the fragrance of the rose. The 15 men and women led by C. W. Keatts and J. E. Bush 37 years ago have stacked arms, forded the Jordan and been gathered among the white robed hosts but they builded better than they knew. Over the trail they blazed we have traveled upon the foundation they laid, we have erected a superstructure before whose beauty all men bow and whose power the nations respect.

Thirty-seven years ago the Mosaic Templars of America had one lodge and a membership of fifteen. Today the order in Alabama, with a membership of 28,000.

"Every race of people on the globe has certain innate characteristics," said Dr. Elliott; "some Jews believe in transmigration; some other white people are superstitious as indicated by their use of the horseshoe, but the Negro believes in conjuration. The Negro will never amount to much until he develops faith in himself. He is a Negro now, and always will be a Negro in Heaven or in the other place.

With faith in the future greatness of the Negro, this order was founded thirty-seven years ago by J. E. Bush and C. W. Keatts of Little Rock, Ark.

McConico Is Eloquent.

The principal address of the meeting was delivered by J. H. McConico, national grand auditor, and one of the brainiest young men of the race. McConico swept the audience from its feet as he spoke substantially as follows:

lows:

It is with profound reverence and pride that we address you upon the Mosaic Templars of America. Instead of dissertating upon the powers of the sword we sing of the olive branch of peace. Instead of pointing to the cloud ridden valleys which lead to stagnation and death we point to the sun kissed hills of progress and the star which leads to eternal life. In the fraternal world we stand as the pride of a struggling race and the eloquent realization of that hope for which black men have dreamed. Our achievement is the fulfillment of the prophecy that 'He who is diligent in present management, with resources amounting to more than a half million dollars. Our National Scribe, C. E. Bush, is a "chip of the block." He is building substantially upon the foundation laid by his great father. The interests of the Mosaics are absolutely safe in his hands.

"Bush and Keatts now sleep the sleep of the righteous but their work follows in leaps and bounds.

Dr. Goodgame in eloquent diction and glowing terms paid a worthy tribute to Bush, Keatts, Alexander and the present National Grand Master Elliott and C. E. Bush, N. G. S., closing with a statement of the principles for which the order stands—Hope, Inspiration and Encouragement for a struggling race.

The twelfth annual address by Grand Master Powell was enthusiastically applauded, especially when he stated that the state organization has grown to a membership of 28,000 and property valued at \$218,000, including a deal made recently for the Scott building in Montgomery for \$25,000 cash.

He was given the Chautauqua salute and re-elected unanimously.

Financial Reports.

Financial reports of state officers were made as follows:

State Grand Treasurer Goodgame reported that during the year he had received \$12,137.38, of which he had paid out 5,836.79, leaving a balance on hand of \$6,300.50.

R. L. Reynolds, secretary of the burial fund, reported receipts of \$33,036.75; disbursements, \$21,940; balance on hand, \$11,094.75.

The report of C. W. Lee, secretary of the state temple fund, showed receipts \$32,448.74; paid out, \$27,121.34; on hand, \$5,327.40.

Amanda Davis, state grand scribe, reported that she had received \$12,158.30 paid out \$5,836.86, and had on hand \$6,321.44.

National Grand Master Speaks.

The feature of the afternoon session was a characteristic address by Dr.

S. J. Elliott of Little Rock, Ark., national grand master, who said among other things that during the last six years the order has grown from eighteen thousand members to one hundred and thirty thousand; that there are six hundred and fifty lodges of be to place the principle of the Christian religion as the piers of civilization. Upon that foundation it will grow and live eternally—upon any other it will ultimately perish. The world has just emerged from a bloody conflict in which manhood's "power" we have 3,005 lodges and 100,800 members. We have a total of 18 State Grand Lodges managed by 339 state and national officers and clerks. In 1883 we were without funds or financial standing. During 1919 we collected from our members more than \$700,000, not including local taxes, and paid out to them in benefits \$300,000, not including sick benefits. We are carrying insurance on the lives of our members valued at \$36,307,200. Every time the clock ticked off a minute during 1919, the Negro people of this country were paid 11 and two-thirds cents out of our treasury.

The following schedule of our assets and liabilities as of December 31, 1919, is sufficiently outstanding as to need no comment:

ASSETS.

Real estate	\$150,000.00
Mortgages	50,000.00
Liberty Bonds	125,000.00
Printing plant	2,000.00
Fixtures	10,000.00

Total

Cash—

a—Endowment	\$197,123.36
b—Temple Department ...	7,899.58
c—Uniform Rank Department	3,885.08
d—Juvenile Department ..	13,090.54
e—Monument Department.	35,544.64
f—State Departments.....	23,661.68
g—Burial Departments....	72,148.21

Total

Grand total

LIABILITIES.

Death claims in adjustment	\$85,765.34
Bills payable, Temple Department	50,000.00

Total

Excess Assets

Total

With these eloquent testimonials of our achievement before us we cannot but feel that we are upon the threshold of a destiny too vast for human minds to grasp. Let us wear our glory modestly and resolve to be worthy of the noble future that awaits

us.

In reviewing our country—torn and bleeding and weighted down beneath the burdens of reconstruction, we have not lost hope. Our faith in the fairness and justice of the American people is unshaken. We must nerve ourselves for the struggle and never turn our backs upon the goal sought. Races cannot be built in a day and we must continue the fight until the American conscience is sufficiently quickened to mete out justice on the human instead of the racial basis. The mighty battle of the future must be sacrificed that Democracy might live. The rewards from this terrible conflict should be equal justice and opportunity for all men. Upon the far flung battle line, shoulder to shoulder with the sons of the "Old South" and the sons of New England, with the sons of France and Great Britain, stood the sons of Ham. Their blood baptised the soil of Chateau Thierry;—Their bones are bleaching in the Argonne Forest;—the armistice saved his annihilation before Metz, therefore do not let him ask too much out of this reconstruction but grant him nothing less than full citizenship rights,—if not Democracy to him has been naught but an iridescent dream.

Mob Law Denounced.

Abraham Lincoln once said "That a house divided against itself cannot stand—this country cannot remain one part free and one part slave." The white man of thought and vision must awake to the fact that this country cannot remain one part law-abiding and one part outlaws. For every human being who is executed without due process of law a stone is removed from our body politic. We find nowhere in theology that there will be any extenuation in behalf of the sin of omission and more than for the sin of commission. Throughout the ages Pontius Pilate will be held as guilty of the murder as the Roman mob who were the principals in the tragedy on Calvary's brow. When the manhood of the nation rises to its full height lynching will pass with John Barleycorn, horse racing and kindred evils.

The nation should not exact of us 100 per cent citizenship and supply us 15 per cent educational advantages. Ignorance is a curse to any people and the finest investment of any government is in the education of its citizens. Every government needs the highest efficiency obtainable in its man power and this can only be realized by placing education within the reach of all. The white man can easily climb to his height and lift a mass of black ignorance at the same time. If the ignorance

unskilled Negro is an asset to the South what would he be if properly trained? No weak race should be discouraged or humiliated by a stronger race.

Merit, Not Color.

The race that preaches the superiority of color is laying a false promise that will end in a similar conclusion. Men should be measured by achievement and rewarded in accordance with their merits. Let us continue to preach this doctrine. The white man is arousing himself and better days are coming. The Methodist Episcopal Church, North, is to be congratulated upon the fact that it had the nerve to elect two Negroes to the high office of Bishop. Our hat is off to the American Federation of Labor in that it has opened its doors and ordered that the black man shall be the ally and not the foe of organized labor.

How to Check Migration.

One of the gravest problems that has confronted the South is the migration of Negro labor to the North. Many schemes have been advanced by both black and white to check this drift of Negro labor Northward but the majority of the efforts have been wasted because the illogical course of dealing with the effect and not the cause has been pursued. The Negro loves the South and prefers to remain here but the old order of things have passed. The race has emerged from childhood into budding manhood and different methods will have to be used.

The Negro Wants the Ballot.

A race cannot be expected to remain satisfied and be denied the ballot in a free Democracy. A race cannot be expected to remain satisfied and suffer the humiliation and attendant upon southern segregation. A race cannot be expected to remain satisfied when it has lost faith in the justice of the courts. A race cannot be expected to remain satisfied when a mob destroys life and property and escapes the clutches of the law. The laboring city Negro desires to live in sections where the city takes some steps to afford good streets, lights and water. The Negro upon the farms desires to get out of the plantation cabin; he desires suitable schools, headed by efficient teachers in order that his posterity can keep abreast of the times and last, but not least, he is tired of laboring from daylight until dark only to be robbed by unscrupulous landlords in December.

Race Progress.

In spite of the obstacles that would discourage a less determined people the last of the statistics available show that the Negro is holding his own. In 1910, the Negro constituted

one-tenth of the population of the United States. These Negroes were engaged in the following gainful pursuits:

Agriculture	2,893,375
Domestic and personal service	1,122,231
Manufacturing and mechanical	631,377
Transportation	255,269
Trade	119,491
Professional	67,245
Miners	61,129
Clerical	19,336
Public service	22,382

The percentage of Negroes who owned their homes in 1890 was 18.7 per cent, in 1910 it was 23.3 per cent.

The educational advantages are all in favor of the white brother, yet we are trailing close upon his heels in literacy. In 1910 the percentage of whites who spent some time in school was 22.9 against 17 for Negroes. We reduced our illiteracy from 57.1 in 1890 to 30.4 in 1910. These are hopeful signs and should encourage us to keep up the fight.

Harding and Coolidge.

In a historical battle Harding and Coolidge won the Republican nomination. We desire to congratulate the Republican party in putting up these two matchless champions of human rights as its standard bearers. Harding and Coolidge should carry the Grand Old Party to victory and with the return to power of Lincoln, let us advocate measures and legislation that will relieve a distressed people and return to sanity a much confused nation.

We rejoice in the triumph of Col. Henry Lincoln Johnson, the stalwart Georgian, who will now act as the political arbiter of twelve million black people.

Let us send the message of hope to black men around the globe. Admonish the Haitians to not give down beneath the yoke of American occupation; the South African and the Egyptian to be not discouraged under English bondage that in due time Ethiopia shall stretch forth her hands to God! Let every Negro send up a prayer for torn and bleeding France that she will rise from her ruin and continue as the most liberal spirit on the globe. Struggling black men, read the cheering words of the late Judge Malone and take courage: "Though deep in mire wring not your hands and weep. I lend my arm to all who say I can, no wayfaring outcast ever sank so deep but that he might rise and be a man."

Conclusion.

The officers for the year are as follows: G. W. Mitchell, B. S. G. M., Bir-

mingham; L. L. Powell, P. S. S. G. M., Montgomery; B. R. Jowers, S. A. G. M., Lowndesboro; Amanda Davis, S. G. S., Gadsden; Willie M. Stone, S. A. G. S., Montgomery; J. W. Goodgame, S. G. T., Birmingham; P. T. Matherson, S. G. O., Birmingham; B. J. Smith, C. G. D., Tuskegee; W. M. Johnson, S. G. L., Sheffield; Laura Cunningham, S. G. W., Alabama City; Myrtle J. McDonald, S. G. M., Leighton; Ella Dilliard, S. I. G., Selma; Lovenia McDonald, S. G. G., Normal; Eliza Miles, S. A. G., Bell Mina; S. J. Thornton, S. O. G., Montgomery; Annie C. Wynn, S. A., for Guide, Decatur.

State Committee of Management: Ruth Roberts, Birmingham; Matilda Harris, Tusculumbia; Celess Mullen, Sheffield; M. W. Sharpe, Selma; R. L. Atkinson, Anniston; Lucy Washington, Birmingham; Velma Stewart, Moundville.

Burial Board: L. L. Powell, President, Montgomery; R. L. Reynolds, B. S., Hillsboro; H. F. Harris, B. T., Birmingham; B. Crawford, Calera; Ella Fomby, Ragland.

Temple Trustees: L. L. Powell, President, Montgomery; C. W. Lee, Secretary, Montgomery; R. L. Reynolds, Secretary Board, Hillsboro; B. L. Windham, Treasurer, Birmingham; J. W. Goodgame, Birmingham; J. W. White, Mobile.

Dr. A. F. Owens, Publicity Agent, Selma, Ala; E. J. Williams, Transportation Agent, Anniston.

The exercises at the night session consisted of program by the juvenile department and a powerful address by Rev. W. H. Ferrell of Rome, Ga. who used for his text, "Go Forward," and spoke on opportunity.

After adopting resolutions of thanks to the church and citizens, the grand lodge closed.

ANTI-MORRIS FACTION
ODD FELLOWS CONVENE
The Baltimore Herald
Wilmington, Del., Sept. 13-20
With Visitors; Officers
To Be Re-elected

Wilmington, Del., Sept. 13.—The 20th B. M. C. of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows (Noel Faction) began its sessions here today, with a large number of delegates and visitors, mostly from the South, present. There are represented

lodges, households, councils, patriarchies and juveniles. Many have been drawn to the meeting to learn the true status of the order, which has been in court for some time in a legal battle with the faction headed by Edward H. Morris, of Chicago. The officers are John S. Uoel, grand master, W. T. Francis, deputy grand master; Robert J. Nelson, grand secretary; Charles H. Coburn, grand treasurer, and the following grand directors: William T. Andrews, J. G. Robinson, W. P. Kemp, W. A. Cornelius and J. A. Josey. The legal count now stands two victories for the Morris people and one for the Noel, but it is expected that the Pennsylvania courts will soon hand down a decision favorable to the latter faction.



JOHN W. GOODGAME



JOHN H. McCONICO

Sons and Daughters of Jerusalem Hold Supreme Grand Council Session

The Kansas City Sun
Best Reports and Most Harmonizing Session
Held in History of the Order

The Supreme Grand Council of the Order of the Ancient Sons and Daughters of Jerusalem held session at the Cain Memorial M. E. Church August 23 to 27. A large number of delegates from all over the country were present. This was one of the most enthusiastic meetings in the history of the organization.

Supreme Grand King, Samuel Diggs of Kansas City, Kans., presided over the Supreme Grand Council, assisted by Sallie Todd of Omaha, Supreme Grand Queen; the Supreme Royal Palace was presided over by C. M. Johnson, Worthy Presiding King of Holton, Kans., assisted by Ida Banks of Omaha, Worthy Presiding Queen. The reports of the Supreme Grand Officers showed increased membership and progress. Under the leadership of Supreme Grand King, Samuel Diggs the order in eight months has been able to meet its obligation and still have a balance.

On Wednesday afternoon the Memorial Sermon was preached by Rev. R. W. Emerson when twenty-five persons came forward to be prayed for and seven souls were converted and assigned to various churches of the city. Wednesday night the annual sermon was preached by Rev. L. G. Green, when three more were added to the church. Thursday the election of Grand Officers—Friday at high noon the Grand Street Parade, under the direction of C. M. Johnson, Supreme Grand Marshall, Daughters in Autos and Sons on foot; Levite Guards and the famous St. Elmo Drill Team in Wagonets. After parading the principal streets, terminating at Highland Cemetery where a Grand Monument was erected to revere the sainted memory of our fallen hero, the founder of the Order, James Richard Gordon. Friday night at the church the famous St. Elmo Drill Team, under the command of Col. T. B. J. Robinson and Captain gave an Exhibition Drill, also Oriental Drill team to a large and appreciative crowd. The Supreme Council meets in Leavenworth next year.

The following officers were elected:
OFFICERS.

Supreme Grand Royal Palace Officers
S. G. R. Q., Amanda Bond, Kansas City, Mo.

S. G. R. K., C. M. Johnson, Holton, Kans.

S. G. V. R. Q., Sadie Moberly, Omaha, Nebr.

S. G. U. R. K., Rev. Doyle, Kansas City, Mo.

S. G. R. Treas., Jennie Carter, Kansas City, Kans.

S. G. R. Recorder, Lillian B. Smith, Kansas City, Mo.

S. G. Asst. R., Jenetta Johnson, Kansas City, Mo.

F. M., B. F. Gatewood, Quindaro, Kans.

S. W. G. S. C., Carrie Cox, Kansas City, Mo.

S. W. G. B. C., T. M. Montgomery, Kansas City, Mo.

S. G. F. G., Julia Combs, Kansas City, Mo.

S. G. R. G., Emma Bellue, Omaha, Nebr.

S. G. 1st M. of H., Lizzie McCatharian, Kansas City, Mo.

S. G. O. C., W. H. Johnson, Kansas City, Mo.

S. G. I. St., Taylor Jones, Kansas City, Mo.

Board of Gov., Maggie Lynch, Stillman, Jessie Martin, Celia ner, Irene McClure, C. J. Ferg Fannie Hopkins.

**OFFICERS ELECTED TO THE
PREME GRAND COUNCIL**

S. G. Q., Irene Gordon.

S. G. K., Samuel Diggs.

S. G. Medical Ex., Dr. D. W. en.

S. G. Atty., L. W. Johnson.

S. G. V. Q., Mary Logan.

S. G. V. K., Geo. W. Moore.

S. G. T., Gertrude Hickman.

S. G. R., Lillian B. Smith.

S. G. E., H. P., Alice Stirm.

S. G. N. H. P., Rev. Doyle.

S. R. Right S., Myrtle Malon.

S. G. Left S., Josie Scott.

S. G. M., C. M. Johnson.

S. G. Ass. M., Thomas S. Da.

S. G. O. G., G. F. Gatewood.

S. G. I. G., Henry Cavens.

S. G. F. Sec., Emma Alexandre
S. G. R. C. B., Emma Blue.
S. G. L. C. B., Amanda Weaver
Color Bearer, C. J. Ford.
Custodian, Thomas Hawkins.
OFFICERS FOR S. G. ASYLUM
S. G. I. M., Mattie B. Evans.
S. G. F. G., B. F. Gatewood.
S. G. V. I., Ardell Montgomery.

S. G. B. OF J.
Jennie Carter, Chairman; L. Sneed, Josie Goatley, Julia Tuel
Mattie Hall, Jennie Malone,
Gooden, Members.

S. G. B. OF A.
Ida L. Banks, Chairman; Jeane Johnson, Mattie Evans, Fannie H. kins, Irene McClure, Celia Buckn Amanda Weaver, members.

S. G. A. R.
Jennie Johnson.
Members of Board: Lelia Walk Samuel Davis, Rosa Cavens.

Members converted during the session: Mildred Hopkins, who cast h membership with Friendship Bapt Church; Lelia Walker with Pleasa Green Baptist Church, K. C. K.; L. lian King with Friendship Bapt Church; Mable Hamlett with All Chapel A. M. E. Church.

MAYOR TAYLOR IN WELCOME B. M. C. TO WILMINGTON

Grand Session of Odd Fellows of Noel Faction Passes Resolutions On State of Country, Indorsing Republican Party

Wilmington, Del., Sept. 13.—The 20th B. M. C. of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows was held in this city today and was attended by more than 300 delegates from Delaware, West Virginia, Maryland, South Carolina, New York, New Jersey, Tennessee, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Georgia, Ohio, Arkansas, Wisconsin and Minnesota. The meeting was presided over by Grand Master John S. Noel of West Virginia, and judging from the enthusiasm that was manifested by the delegates, the impression was made on the people who were in attendance with the spirit of independence of those who composed the B. M. C. was unabated.

Mayor Taylor welcomed the delegates to the city on behalf of the municipality, and Dr. Conwell Banton on behalf of the citizens of Wilmington. The addresses of both were responded to by Hon. Henry Lincoln Johnson, former Recorder of Deeds

under President Taft. The following resolutions were unanimously adopted by the convention:

Whereas, we, the Odd Fellows of the United States, representing over fifteen States assembled in the city of Wilmington, extend fraternal greetings to the Odd Fellows of the entire country.

We congratulate our race and the country in that since we met last in the city of New York during the war period that we have seen the end of the great World War. Our contribution to it was 400,000 strong in man power, millions in Liberty Bonds and that our decisive contribution helped to establish democracy throughout the world, believing that a part of this democracy would at least establish itself here at home.

Since the protection of the life of the citizen is the first concern of every government and is the constitutional guarantee of every American citizen; and

Whereas, the unchecked aggression of mob violence disgraces democracy and mocks the constitution and that mandates over foreign countries we regard as subordinate to mandates over the violators of law in our own country; and that the League of Nations as to how countries should vote is of secondary consideration in a republic where all of its citizens have not the right to vote; we were outraged by the neutrality of Belgium, but we regard the absolute subjugation of Haiti and the mockery made of the Haitian Republic of Santimingo by the present administration as contrary to the spirit of genuine democracy and fair play throughout the world.

Therefore, the B. M. C. while ordinarily non-political, endorses the Republican Party because it denounces the crime of mob violence and lynching; the denial of citizens the right to vote; the discrimination of American citizens because of color in the exercise of the rights and privileges given to every other American citizen by the democratic party.

Therefore, it pledges its support to Warren G. Harding, the nominee for President and to Governor Coolidge for Vice-President, because they stand pledged by their past records and their utterances since their nomination, to the eradication of these evils in the government of his country.

Madam Mamie Hailey presided over the deliberation of the Household of Ruth, and from all accounts, the interest and enthusiasm was equal to that of the brothers. The following officers were elected:

John S. Noel, Grand Master, West Virginia; W. T. Francis, Deputy Grand Master, Minnesota; Robert J. Nelson, Grand Secretary, Penna.; Charles H. Colburn, Grand Treasurer, Delaware; Grand Directors—William A. Cornelius, New York; W. T. Andrews, South Carolina; Thomas L. Newton, Arkansas; J. Anthony, Josey, Wis.; Grand Auditors—R. E. Warney, New York; J. G. Robinson, Tenn., and Harry H. Pace, Georgia.

ST. LOUIS IS SELECTED BY THE SHRINERS

The St. Louis Imperial Council, Ancient, Egyptian, Arabic Order, Nobles of Mystic Shrine of N. and S. America Will Convene Here Next August, 1921.

Caesar R. Blake Re-Elected. Sons of Desert Invade the City.— Captain Waters Meets Death. — Statue of Lincoln Made Real Shrine

(By R. C. Fisher, Special Correspondent of The Argus)

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Sept. 1.—The closing sessions of the Imperial Council, Ancient Egyptian, Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of North and South America last Saturday at the Lyceum Theatre, were remarkable for the enthusiasm which attended the reelection of Caesar R. Blake of Charlotte, N. C., as Imperial Potentate of the order and the selection of St. Louis Mo., as the next meeting place of the Imperial Council, which will be held August 22-27, 1921.

There was a unanimous reelection of all the officers with the exception of Harry Knight, of New York City, who was advanced to the office of Imperial Assistant Rabban, and the election of E. D. Loving of Texas as Imperial 1st Ceremonial Master.

Sons of the Desert Invade City

Each day an increased number of the Sons of the Desert was seen flocking into the Queen City. They came from far and near, in automobiles and by traction. The local committee was put to its wits end to take care of the hosts which fairly invaded them for accommodations and such other information as only folk on a vacation can ask. The downtown streets soon began to take on a decidedly oriental cast. Everywhere the red fez with its emblematic legend of Old Arabia, was seen bobbing in and out of the residences in the West End. Turkish patrolmen, with green baggy trousers

could be observed on every corner. The talk of the town is, "Cincinnati has never witnessed the inpouring of so many handsomely appearing people." All points of the United States contributed their quota of fraters and "fraternesses", toward giving the nobility of Shrinedom the reputation of being the greatest of organizations.

Indianapolis Delegation, Center Of Attraction

Especially numerous and colorful was the Shrine delegation from Indianapolis, bringing its own band and more than 20 gorgeously robed chanters. That aggregation of well trained artists furnished incessant music and song, not only for the merriment of the Imperial Council, but they contributed largely to the enthusiasm which aided their drill team in winning the first prize of \$300.00 in a competitive contest. Chicago received second honors.

Death Breaks Ranks of Knights Templar

Just as the great Knights Templar parade was preparing to move last Thursday afternoon, it was marred by a deplorable tragedy, when Captain General Waters of Gethsemane Commandery, Indianapolis, while deploying his men into line, was suddenly stricken ill, and died while being conveyed to the City Hospital. Captain Waters appeared on the previous night with his patrol drill team which won first prize and was expected to enter with his Commandery of Sir Knights for prize drilling at Armory Hall on the night of his death.

Being thoroughly conscious of the fact that death had visited their ranks the Sir Knights continued their march with bereaved hearts, with a procession of splendor that would have equalled that of any knig.

Statue of Lincoln Becomes Real Shrine

A real shrine to the visiting Shriners and Knights Templar was the statue of Abraham Lincoln in Little Park. Probably every one of the thousands of men and women who were here attending the grand sessions, went to the park to see the monument of the martyred emancipator, of which they had heard and read.

Persian Temple patrol team of Indianapolis listened to a service, just before their leaving here, conducted in memory of the great emancipator. The entire patrol, moved by one general impulse knelt as an impromptu service began, and remained in that attitude until it ended.

The Cincinnati Regalia Company had selected the park as the place for presentation of a (regulation American) flag to the patrol, and John W. Thomas of this City, who ranks high in Masonic circles and one of the foremost detectives of the race, made the presentation speech.

The Cincinnati Club of St. Louis, gave much dignity to Medinah Temple and its patrol in the mammoth street parade. Captain Shackelford was honored as grand marshal of the gorgeously

procession.

The next bi-ennial session of the Knights Templar will be held in Washington, D. C., August 22 to 27, 1922.

THE ORDER OF TRUE REFORMERS MAKING SPLENDID PROGRESS

The Christian Recorder
A Statement to the Brotherhood by Grand Master W. S. Woodson

To Whom All These Presents May Come—
Greetings: 3-23-20.

We take this means of informing the public that the Grand Fountain United Order of True Reformers still exist and in fact has never ceased to exist since it first came into existence thirty-nine years ago. You have doubtless been told and possibly you may believe that the organization of True Reformers has ceased to exist, and it is to disabuse your mind of that error that this statement is handed you; and if it happens to be that you are not one of those who believe the organization to be dead then the purpose of this circular is to renew your membership and help in the work of carrying out the great purposes for which the society was organized. Did you ever believe in True Reformism? In its hopes and aspirations? Its purposes and aims? Its inspiring and never faltering faith in the future of the race? Do you believe in racial patriotism? Racial preference? Do you believe that the principles of combination, concentration and co-operation should be studied and applied in every legitimate business project of the race? Then this message is to you.

The failure of the bank left the organization \$225,000 in debt, \$163,000 of that was for death claims. The deaths that have occurred (since the failure of the bank and through August 31, 1919, have carried the total for death claims with which we have had to deal since the failure of the bank to \$440,019.25. And we take a great deal of pride in the fact that all of this enormous sum has been paid but \$74,019.25. And the thirty-ninth annual session of the Grand Fountain adopted plans which are now being put in force throughout the entire Brotherhood to raise this balance in the next three years and thus free the organization from all of the old burdens in the form of old death claims, thereby removing the only barrier that prevents the organization from speedily taking its place again in the front ranks of fraternal organizations.

We are very anxious that all ex-members who are eligible return to the organization and for that reason we are making the following propositions to all who wish to return and the only condition we make is that you be in good health.

Ex-members who are under forty five years of age can renew their membership by paying \$2.50 and get new policies, because all persons under forty-five years of age can get the highest benefits when coming in

as new members. Ex-members from forty-five to fifty years of age can revive their old policies by paying \$5.20; from fifty-five to sixty years ex-members can revive by paying \$6.40; from sixty to seventy years ex-members can revive by paying \$9.60. In all cases they must be in good health.

Persons who have never been members of the organization can join by paying the special dispensation fee of \$2.50 up to fifty years of age or \$3.00 between fifty and sixty. All persons over forty-five years of age and joining as new members will get death benefits according to their age.

In the Rosebud Nursery Department children are accepted from two to sixteen years of age. Joining fee 50 cents; monthly dues 16 cents; semi-annual tax 5 cents; collection January 1st and July 1st of each year.

With the hope that every ex-member who is eligible may return and that thousands who have never belonged to the organization may come in this year, I am

Yours for building,

W. S. WOODSON

GOVERNOR SMITH GREET'S B. M. C. IN CONVENTION HERE

State and City Officials Welcome Thousands of Morris Faction of Odd Fellows Here — Parade Today — Morris Re-elected Tomorrow

Perhaps the largest convention of colored people ever held in the greater city of New York was that of the Biennial Movable Convention of Odd Fellows which opened at the Seventy-first Regiment Armory on Monday morning. Governor Alfred E. Smith, introduced by Hon. Chas. W. Anderson, said it was a privilege to be permitted to address his audience. He pointed out that the watchword of every benevolent order is unity, fraternity and brotherly love. The Governor's references to Lincoln's immortal Gettysburg address elicited great applause.

Need United Action.

Governor Smith said that probably at no time in our history was there greater need for united action than at present. The Governor was met at the entrance to the armory by Edward Montgomery, sergeant-at-arms of the Republican County Committee, and then escorted to the platform by several officers of the Colored War Veterans.

Mayor John F. Hylan was unable to appear but Richard E. Enright, Police Commissioner, represented him and extended the city's greetings.

W. David Brown, national treasurer of the organization, acted as chairman of the opening session. The invocation was delivered by the Rev. J. W. Brown, D.D., pastor of the Mother Zion A. M. E. Church. Besides the speeches of welcome by Governor Smith, Commissioner Enright and Mr. Anderson, short speeches were delivered by Chris S. Deenan, Deputy United States Treasurer, and Edward H. Morris, grand master of the United Odd Fellows.

The organization is the largest colored fraternity in the nation and has a membership of 700,000, distributed through some 8,000 lodges, fifty-eight of which are located in New York. The women's part of the society is known as the Household of Ruth and they also have sent delegates to the convention.

Picnics During Week.

Throughout the week there will be business sessions, picnics and entertainments for the delegates from all over the country. Thursday, however, will be the big day. There will be a parade in the morning, starting at 140th Street and Seventh Avenue, and proceeding down to the Seventy-first Regiment Armory. Thursday evening will mark the big social function of the convention. There will be a "Grand Diamond Jubilee Ball" in the armory. This is scheduled to be a gala occasion and one of the most historic social events ever held by the colored people of New York. The annual election of officers will take place Friday.

The Household of Ruth, a woman's branch, sat in conference during the morning in the A. M. E. Zion Church, No. 151 West 136th Street. The Patriarchie discussed business matters at their meeting at No. 165 West 131st Street. The Past Grand Masters' Council conferred in the C. M. Church in West 132d Street. All grand bodies will meet at the Manhattan Casino, 155th Street and Eighth Avenue.

Following the meetings today there will be a monster parade at Ulmer Park, Brooklyn, tonight. For those who can not get to the outing in Brooklyn there will be a reception at the Manhattan Casino.

SUPREME COUNCIL OF THE

A. A. S. R. MASONS TO MEET

The Thirty-ninth Annual Session and the Thirteenth Triennial Session of the Supreme Council of the A. A. S. R. Masons of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States will convene in the city of Philadelphia, Monday May 10th, 1920, at nine of the clock A. M., at 409 S. Eleventh Street.

The triennial election of officers

will occur at this session and it is expected that the reports of the work of the organization will show the largest increase in number of consistories and membership ever before noted. The war seems to have given all Masonic organizations a new impetus, and in no department has it been so noticeable as in the Scottish Rite.

The Sovereign Grand Commander, James Francis Richards, of Detroit, Mich., reports considerable interest in the work all over his jurisdiction. Recently the work has spread to Manitoba and other points of the British America possessions. This session of the Supreme Council will be the largest in point of attendance of any ever held.

The program is as follows:

Sunday, May 9, Annual Sermon at Union Baptist Church, by Rev. W. G. Parks.

Monday, May 10, Opening of Supreme Council. All ceremonial.

Reception of Ill. Robert L. Pendleton, 33M. 33 M. P. S. G. C., Southern jurisdiction, and his official staff.

Monday, May 10, Regular business from 2 U M. to 5 P. M.

8 P. M. Lodge of Sorrow at Wesley A. M. E. Zion Church.

Tuesday, May 11th, Completion of business.

FRATERNAL DELEGATES VISIT NEWS OFFICE

Among the delegates, who called at the New York office here to attend the great Odd Fellows B. M. C. and Diamond Jubilee, were the following most of whom expressed keen delight at the treatment accorded them during their stay in the big city: James Price, 1st Lieut. Co. G 143, Pittsburgh, Pa.; C. E. Enright, 1st Sergt. Co. G 143, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Capt. H. Lewis, 1st Lieut. D. A. James, 2nd Lieut. Chas. H. Hargrave, 1st Sergt. Isaac Hall, 2nd Sergt. W. A. Brown, Patriarch J. B. Davis, of the 39th Co. C. of Pittsburgh; James D. Bass, Grand Master of California; Dr. Wm. F. Penn. of Atlanta; Wm. C. Mathews, of Boston, and Robt. L. Vann, of Pittsburgh.

ELKS CONVENTION AMONG MOST BRILLIANT EVER HELD BY ORDER

Georgians Came In For
A Great Portion Of
Appointments
32 LODGES FORMED
DURING YEAR

CHIEF OFFICERS - RE-ELECTED
BY ACCLAMATION—PARADE
ONE OF MOST BRILLIANT EVER
SEEN HERE—CONVENTION
GOES TO BOSTON, MASS. NEXT
YEAR.

Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 1st—

This, the Queen city of the West and the gateway to all of the large Pacific Coast States, was the scene of the largest and most brilliant spectacle ever witnessed west of the Mississippi river by colored people, the occasion being the 21st annual Grand Lodge session of the Improved, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World.

With its 25 miles of beautiful paved boulevards; its many hills, cliffs and drives, and overlooking the famous Missouri river as she winds her way to confluence with the father of waters the great Mississippi; and with Kansas as her neighbor on the west Kansas City made eternal history for herself by the excellent manner in which her noble citizens housed, fed and entertained the brilliant array of Elks and their friends.

With the arrival of the St. Louis Contingent Sunday morning at 9 o'clock on a special train of 400 happy souls, and a special Pullman from Atlanta, Ga., in charge of District Deputy, R. E. Pharrow at the head of the following party: H. H. Spencer, D. Powell, P. E. Cohen, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Cross, Mrs. W. E. Brown, Savannah; Wm. Newsome, W. H. Jonson, R. L. Powell, R. M. Cole, J. Henry Pharrow, Mr. and Mrs. Goosby, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. T. Pace, Atlanta; and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bennett of Salisbury, N. C., who joined the Georgia party at Oakdale, Tenn., by special invitation, marked the beginning of the great influx of enthusiastic Elks and visitors.

At the passenger station, the St. Louis and Georgia party was met by Q. J. Gilmore and a brass band containing 35 pieces; the party being loaded in cars and escorted to Lyric Hall, the Headquarters where a dozen clerks were busily engaged to assign

them to their homes.

Sunday evening at Allen Chapel A. M. E. church, the largest and finest owned by colored in the city, the annual memorial exercises were held, with short addresses being delivered by Mr. Armond W. Scott, P. G. E. R., Geo. W. McNiechen Grand Exalted Ruler, and the annual sermon by the Rev. Dr. C. G. Cummings, of Baltimore, Md., Grand Chaplain.

At the Second Baptist church another splendid edifice, the welcome exercises were held Monday evening, participated in by the Chief Grand Lodge officers and Grand officers of the Grand Temple, the Ladies Auxiliary of the Order, the freedom of the city being extended to the delegates by his Honor Jas. Cogwell, mayor and other high city officials.

The Grand Lodge was called to order Tuesday morning the 24th, by the Grand Exalted Ruler, and after waiting for the committee on Credentials of which R. E. Pharrow was secretary, to report, the temporary office was prefected. The usual preliminary were hastily disposed with. Committees were appointed and adjournment was taken for the day to

NEGRO MASONS BUY PROPERTY

PITTSBURGH PA. LEADER
JANUARY 21, 1920

Intend to Erect Temple on
High-Priced Lot in
Center Avenue

BRICK ROW IS SOLD

The Pittsburg Home for Babies' property at Center avenue and Junella street, Fifth ward, has been purchased by the Most Worshipful Hiram Grand Lodge (A. F. and F. Masons). The property consists of a three-story brick building on a lot 100x214 feet. The consideration was private. The site is considered a valuable one. Attorney Charles G. McIlvain, who announced the sale, stated that he has been authorized to announce that the new owners intend to begin at once the erection of a fine Masonic temple.

Jacob Gold, of the Gold Realty com-

pany, announced the sale of two rows of brick dwellings at Joseph street and Larimer avenue, Twelfth ward, for Charles Triplets to Michael Anelio for \$22,500 cash. Each row contains four houses of three rooms and a bath each, the lots being 60x100 feet each. He also reported the sale, assisted by H. H. Hunter, of the Samuel W. Black company, of eight two-story brick dwellings on a lot 60x00 feet at Beechview and Realty avenues, for George Snow to Harry Hoffman, for \$26,000.

The Samuel W. Black company, by James N. Long, sold for Morris and Harry Steinman to Harry Cooper a row of five brick and cement dwellings of seven rooms and bath each, lot 70x112 feet, at 5883-91 Darlington road and Shady avenue, Fourteenth ward, for \$35,000 cash. The same company sold about a month ago a row of five dwellings adjoining this property to Mr. Cooper.

Patrick H. Keefe has sold to Elmer B. Braun, his hotel building on a lot 6x64 feet, in Sharpsburg, for \$16,000. Mr. Braun will remodel the building and use the upper floors for apartments and the lower floor for billiard and pool rooms.

Transfers today showed the sale of a tract of land on Northumberland street, Fourteenth ward, by John D. Brown to the Pittsburg Housing corporation, for \$52,500. The new owners will erect modern homes on the property.

The Alexander Bell estate has sold to Jennie B. Marland, a two-story brick dwelling, lot 30x100 feet, at 3112 Landis street, Twentieth ward, between Ashlyn and Thornton streets, for \$6,000.

The United States Realty company reported the sale of an 11-room brick and stucco dwelling at 5576 Wilkins avenue, near Weightman street, Squirrel Hill, lot 26x138 feet, for D. J. Kennedy to Aaron Wertkin, for \$11,200.

Z. L. Eisner has leased to the Story & Clark Piano company for a long term of years a four-story brick building at Liberty avenue and Eighth street on a lot 20x112 feet. This property was formerly known as the Hotel Liberty. After extensive alterations the tenant will occupy the building about April 1.

The Lloyd Real Estate company has sold for Mary V. Casteel the property situate 5729 Walnut street, between South Negley avenue and Maryland avenue, consisting of a lot 45x100 feet and a nine-room frame house. The consideration, \$7,750, was cash, and the purchaser, J. W. Irvine, takes the property for a home.

F. G. Kay has sold to S. E. Diescher the plot, 200x165 feet, on the north side of Darlington road, between Murdoch street and the park entrance, for \$30,000. This sale was negotiated by E. P. S. Wright, of the Schenley Farms company.

The C. L. Saxton company, by R. B. Steiner, has sold for Gottlieb Nagel the property at 230 Carver street, consisting of a lot 30x100 feet, and a 10-room dwelling, to Riley Blair for \$9,500 cash.

ELKS HAVE BIG PROGRAM, KANSAS CITY CLUB WILL CHARTER TRAIN

All eyes are turned to 12th Street and Eighth Avenue. The Elks will start there the building of their \$67,000.00 home within the next seven or eight days. All material, according to a statement from the Windham Construction Company, has been ordered and much of the stuff will be laid on the grounds in the next few days. At the meeting Monday night Exalted Ruler W. W. Green announced three important events to take place during the construction of this home.

Sunday, August 1st will be celebrated as Ground Breaking Day when members will be entertained at the home before the final removal of the old building. The corner stone laying will be the next event when prominent visitors from the state will take part, and the dedication of the building will be the next program which promises to be the greatest occasion ever witnessed by a Negro fraternal institution in Alabama. Special committees are out arranging the program.

At the last Grand Lodge held in Atlantic City during the month of August, 1919, Jones Valley Lodge of Birmingham told that body they would have a fifty thousand dollar building in course of erection and a thousand members to report at the session in Kansas City, Mo., August, 1920. This has been accomplished with exception of completing the roll of membership. Secretary Kelley states with applications coming in as they are more than a thousand will be on roll by the third week in August and the Grand Lodge will assemble during the fourth week.

Some forty odd delegates will attend the Grand Lodge in Kansas City, and they have already arranged with the railroad company to furnish two Pullman cars, Mobile with its 200 members and thirty delegates, will arrive in Birmingham on the day the party leaves and will join this delegation. The Atlanta lodge is routed through this way and will join the Birmingham lodge here. Jones Valley lodge has a Kansas City Club that has been working for a big Kansas City delegation for more than ten months, and it is believed that the largest delegation ever left this district, and no doubt the largest delegation ever attending a grand lodge session will be the delegation from Birmingham.

ODD FELLOWS IN NEW YORK.

The gathering of the members of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows in New York City last week was a most creditable showing of the strength of the order and deserved the cordiality with which it was greeted by the citizens of Harlem. The meeting of the biennial movable convention was combined with the celebration of the diamond jubilee of the order, marking the seventy-first anniversary of its establishment.

The parade of the order made a fine showing and the general proceedings were characterized by good order and harmony. The number in attendance upon this demonstration was estimated as fully ten thousand people, including 2,000 male delegates and 1,200 women. Contrasted with the meeting in Wilmington, Del., under the auspices of the Noel-Davis faction, the gathering that met in response to the call of Grand Master Morris showed a great preponderance in numbers. The enrollment of the Wilmington meeting was given as 309 delegates present.

While the settlement of the differences at present prevailing in this venerable order await the final decision of the higher courts in Pennsylvania, it is to be hoped that such decision may soon be arrived at and bring the troubles that now threaten to disrupt the order to an amicable conclusion.

The Odd Fellows are one of the oldest fraternal orders established among the Negroes of American. The order as established among the colored race has the distinction of being the only regular order of Odd Fellows in this country. It is in full fraternal relations with the order in England, from which country it was introduced on this side of the ocean over seventy years ago.

The hope of all the friends of the order is that its internal differences may be amicably and fairly adjusted and that the order may go on to future success under a new policy of constructive progress.

Negro Masons Increasing; \$62,- 612,97 Endowment Collected in Six Months; 1,559 New Members

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GRAND OFFICERS HOLD SEMI-ANNUAL MEET AT GIRARD.—GRAND MASTER WOODS OPTIMISTIC AND GIVES OUT STATEMENT.

Girard, Ala., Feb. 25, 1920.

Declaring that the State Grand Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Jurisdiction of Alabama, Walter Thomas Woods, Grand Master, has received into the treasury of the Endowment Department alone \$62,512.97 during the last six months ending January 31, against receipts for the same period last year amounting to \$45,864.68, a gain of \$16,648.29 in six months; that when the Grand Lodge closed its last annual meeting six months ago Endowment Treasurer Hudson had in bank to the credit of the Grand Lodge Endowment Department, August 13, 1919, \$17,462.09, making a grand total of \$79,975.06 available funds ending January 31, and that 1,558 new members have been received by the Grand Lodge in six months ending January 31, against 691 for the same time last year, a gain of 867 or more than 55 per cent, the semiannual meeting of the State Grand Lodge A. F. and A. M. has just closed here after holding the most encouraging meeting in the history of the order.

Grand Master Woods stated, "We could cash today every claim against our Endowment Department, legitimate and illegitimate, and would still have left in the banks a substantial balance of which any order should justly be proud. I know whereof I speak, facts and figures are before me." The growth of the order under the present administration has been phenomenal.

The Grand Officers attending the meeting and guest of Endowment Secretary A. A. Peters, were Grand Master Walter Thomas Woods, Mobile; C. N. McDaniels, Grand Secretary, Hartselle; J. O. Diffy, Grand Treasurer, Birmingham; R. D. Hudson, Endowment Treasurer, Selma; C. H. Evans, Chairman Auditing Committee, Tuskegee; P. D. Davis, Secretary Auditing Committee, Birmingham; J. H. Wingfield, Auditing Committee, Mont-

gomery; W. H. Carter, Special Accountant.

SEVENTY-FIFTH B. M. C. OPENS IN NEW YORK

The Chicago Defender
Governor Smith and Mayor Hylan Address Delegates as Convention Opens

BY WILLIAM WHITE

New York, Sept. 17.—The 75th Biennial Movable Committee, which convened here this week, opened its sessions Monday with a public meeting in the 71st Regiment Armory, 34th street and Park avenue. The meeting, scheduled to open at 11 a. m., was very late in getting under way, finally being called to order by W. David Brown, grand treasurer and district grand master, state of New York. The Rev. J. W. Brown, pastor of Mother Zion A. M. E. Zion Church, delivered the invocation.

Following this Gov. Alfred Smith was escorted to the platform and introduced by the Hon. Charles W. Anderson, ex-collector of internal revenue and chairman of the committee of managements, in a brief but witty manner.

Gov. Smith bade the order welcome in a hearty manner to the great Empire State. He congratulated them and spoke of the fine feeling brotherhoods of this kind produce. He referred to the principles of our constitution in its declaration of the equality of man, and affirmed his belief in that equality. The governor's speech was brief and he was roundly applauded at its conclusion. Mr. Anderson next introduced Police Commissioner Richard E. Enright, who attended the convention as the personal representative of Mayor Hylan. The mayor was unavoidably kept away from the meeting.

Mr. Enright, who talked at some length, impregnated his speech with considerable wit. He welcomed the delegates to "the city that believes in fair play, good fellowship and equal rights, as well as the city that still

believes in the doctrines as laid down by the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments." He wished all "God-speed and a hearty good stay in the greatest, proudest, richest and grandest city in the country."

Anderson's Excellent Speech

The next speaker was Chris C. Keenan, deputy United States appraiser, who, after congratulating the Odd Fellows, urged them to get together and build a home for themselves in New York. Then James F. Adair, secretary of the G. B. M. C. committee, introduced the Hon. Charles W. Anderson. Mr. Anderson has earned an enviable name as a speaker, and when his name is announced to any audience all expect a speech of rare excellence. On this occasion they were not disappointed, and many times the genial ex-collector was forced to pause by the applause. He bitterly, yet with humor, flayed the back to Africa scheme throughout his entire speech, and created great laughter when he referred to the "Jews seeking the stormy banks of Jordan" before he wanted to go back to Africa. Mr. Anderson's address was the welcoming one to the visiting delegates. Several other speeches were heard before the grand master, Edward H. Morris of Chicago, spoke. Morris referred to the crowded armory and expressed his gratification that this, the diamond convention, was apparently a success. He thanked the members for the honor bestowed upon him and for the gold gavel which the B. M. C. presented him, as well as the City of New York for its hospitality, and concluded by hoping ultimately for a real united order.

Harlem Finely Decorated

Harlem was decorated at a cost, so it is said, of more than \$3,000. Seventh avenue was especially pretty, large flags being stretched across the avenue from 140th street down to 130th. Throughout the entire uptown section flags and bunting were generously displayed. In the armory for the opening session it was estimated that there were more than 6,000 men and women.

On the platform, besides those already mentioned, were: James F. Needham, grand secretary, of Philadelphia; Isaac L. Roberts, deputy grand master, of Boston; Col. Charles Steeber of the 16th New York Regiment, patriarchy, and Grand Directors B. V. Baranco of New Orleans, H. T. Shirley of Virginia and J. H. Johnson of North Carolina; Maj. Gen. Reid and staff and Grand Worthy Superior Mary A. Parker, Washington, D. C., with her staff.

The program for the rest of the week combined business with pleasure, with a street parade Thursday afternoon and ball Thursday night. The election of officers is scheduled for Friday. Credit is due James F. Adair

for his hard and faithful work, which culminated in the excellent opening of Monday.

ELKS CONVENTION BRILLIANT

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permit those present to take part in the mammoth parade which is always a pleasing feature of each session.

The parade, which was more than two miles long, with 250 cars in line and with thousands marching on foot behind twenty brass bands, was led by Hon. L. A. Knox one of the leading attorneys of the city, aided by a corporation of mounted police officers, was said to be the most imposing in the history of the order. The oldest citizens pronounced the gigantic parade to be the greatest ever seen in the west among the race, the beauty of the occasion being the lack of anything to cause an arrest or to mar the pleasure of any one.

Wednesday morning the annual reports of the Grand officers were read. The reports of the Grand Exalted Ruler, Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer were replete with what had been accomplished during the year, and showed that the year just passed was the most prosperous, financially and numerically. These reports were so full and complete that, after being read, the rules were suspended and the three chief officers were reelected by acclamation, something never before known since the order was founded 22 years ago.

Delegates from Georgia came in for a good share of honor at the hands of the Grand Exalted Ruler, R. E. Pharrow of Atlanta and H. Henry Spencer of Savannah being given appointments, Mr. Pharrow on credentials and Mr. Spencer on resolutions two of the coveted committee places at each session.

In the division of Grand Officers, Georgia also got her share. Through the untiring work of the Georgia delegates, led by R. E. Pharrow who in an eloquent plea to the delegates to blot out sectional lines and give the South a square deal, R. R. Morgan of Atlanta, Exalted Ruler of Gate City Lodge No. 54, was elected Grand Tyler for the ensuing term.

The Grand Lodge enacted much constructive legislation, the terms of all officers in the future with the exception of the Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer and Grand Trustee, will be limited to one term without being permitted to succeed themselves.

With the exception of the Atlantic City session the attendance in this city was the largest ever known from a numerical standpoint of visitors, while the actual delegation was larger by 23 than any other session. The lack of attendance in larger numbers being on account of the great distance from centers of large Elks populations, while the increase in delegates was due to the increase of membership in old lodges and the institution of 32 new lodges during the last year.

Much of the credit for the success of the Grand Lodge is due to the untiring efforts of Q. J. Gilmore Exalted Ruler of Mid west Lodge who put his whole being into the work and who knows no failure.

The next session (1921) goes to Boston and it goes without saying, some hard work will have to be done to put one over on Kansas City.

"The Negro women of the United States and the Negro men of the United States are entitled to vote now and everywhere and forever. Are the Democrats bold enough to deny them and are the Republicans cowards enough to permit the grand larceny?" Ask one of the most prominent Republicans in the country.

York Rite Masons In Annual Session

The York Rite Masons held their Fourth Grand Session here Oct. 4-7, at Lake and Wood streets. McKibbin was elected Grand Master. Public installation took place at the Park Ave. C. M. E. Church, Park avenue and Rovey street. The Subordinate Councils will hold installation on Oct. 13, at 5118 South State street.

Colored Odd Fellows To Build New Temple

BKLYN N Y STANDARD UNION
JANUARY 25, 1920

Structure to Cost \$100,000 Planned for Plot Owned by Grand United Order on West 135th Street, Manhattan—Will Be Six-Story Building, and Construction Bonds Will Be Sold to Members Only—National Convention Next September Is Expected to Be Most Eventful.

The Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, one of the foremost colored organizations in Greater New York, has begun a drive for the purpose of raising \$100,000 with which to construct a modern six-story building on a plot of ground owned by the order at 234-244 West 135th street, Manhattan. The Daughters of Ruth, an auxiliary of the order, is working in conjunction with the Odd Fellows and, according to reports from reliable sources in Brooklyn, the success of the project is assured.

Bonds, with a par value of \$10 each, will be issued to members of the order only, and will call for an interest payment of five per cent. per annum.

The campaign headquarters are at present located at 2340 Seventh avenue, Manhattan, where all information regarding the project may be secured.

The building will contain stores on the first floor. The rest of the building will be devoted to office rooms and community headquarters and will have all the up-to-date equipment of the modern business structure of the present time.

The officers of the Headquarters Building Association are: President, James F. Adair; vice-president, Charles M. Gibson; secretary, John W. Simmons; assistant secretary, Mrs. Nannie R. Grover. W. David Brown, William J. Smith, E. O. Boddie, Mrs. Jane Bates, J. Thomas Johnston, Mrs. Sarah A. Clark, Edward L. Walker, Mrs. Rosa Payton, Wilford H. Smith, Oscar Brewster and David Payne are members.

The national convention of the order will be held in Manhattan next September and Brooklyn members of both the Odd Fellows and Daughters of Ruth are looking forward to many social functions which will take place in Brooklyn during the convention.

Several Brooklynites have been appointed on the various committees. Charles J. D. Kemp is chairman of the press committee. E. A. MacCannon is heading the committee on design.

At a recent meeting of the order in Brooklyn, Samuel A. Gibbs of Alpha Lodge, 1381, urged that all factional differences be buried and that all members of the order work together for the success of the enterprises in which the order is engaged.

The election of officers is expected to be held within a few weeks, but there will be practically little or no change in the present office holders.

East District Deputy Grand Master Edward Henry is still confined to his home, 85 Rochester avenue.

A new lodge composed exclusively of Spanish speaking members, Amparo Latino Lodge, 10059 was instituted recently under the tutelage of James R. Magill, of Lodge 762. The new lodge starts off with 125 fine young men as members. Gabriel Blanco Diaz is the secretary. The ritualistic as well as regular business will be transacted in the Spanish language.

Alvin Lodge, 7888, has made splendid progress since it moved from Coney Island to Brooklyn proper.

Reports indicate that all the lodges are adding to their membership.

TWELFTH ANNUAL SESSION OF IMPERIAL ORDER KING DAVID.

The twelfth annual session of the Imperial Order of King David was held in Louisa, Va. September 7, at the Divine Baptist Church. Promptly at eleven o'clock the G. W. R., Mrs. A. G. Thompson sounded the gavel, notifying her subjects to prepare for the King's business. It was one of the best sessions held since the organization. Good reports were heard from new sections. The order has more money in bank than ever before. The Lord has wonderfully blessed our work.

We lost only 35 members by death during the year, while 450 members were added to our ranks. Every death claim is paid.

September 7 and 8, public exercises

were held, which were largely attended by both white and colored. At the close of the exercises, a white lady presented the G. W. R. with a beautiful bouquet of flowers. The body adjourned to meet the first Tuesday in September, 1921, with Deborah Lodge, No. 51, Suffolk, Va.

NEW LODGE ORGANIZED.

On Friday night, September 17, a club of young men was set up by Sister Maria C. Johnson. This lodge will be known as Johnson Memorial Lodge, Imperial Order of King David.

The Anniversary of the Imperial Order of King David will be held Sunday, September 26, at Ebenezer Baptist Church, at 3:30 o'clock. The annual sermon will be preached by Dr. W. H. Stokes. All members are urged to be present.

Masons In Session

At Cincinnati

More Than 5,000 Shriners and Knights Templar Attending Imperial Session and International Conference.

9-2-20
ST. LOUIS IS HONORED

Grand Master Crittenden Clark Is Elected First Vice President of the Conference for the Ensuing Two Years.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Aug. 24.—The Twenty-first Annual session of the Imperial Council, Nobles of Mystic Shrine, convened yesterday morning at the Lyceum Theatre with Caesar R. Blake, of Charlotte, N. C., imperial potentate, presiding. An address of welcome on behalf of the city of Cincinnati was made by the Lieutenant-Governor of Ohio.

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Nannie Banks, Ohio, worthy grand treasurer, and Mrs. M. E. Washington of Indiana, worthy grand prelate.

The final session opened Friday morning, lasting till four o'clock, when a movement was made to adjourn till seven. The motion was carried, allowing the delegates to take a rest and eat supper. At seven the doors were again closed and business of the order was carried out. There was not a dissenting word against Morris as grand master. A bitter fight was on for the next convention, St. Louis, Indianapolis, Los Angeles and Cleveland entering the fight, which was finally decided in favor of Cleveland in 1922.

Thursday was parade day. Fifteen thousand marchers and 800 automobiles took part in the procession, which was led by mounted police. The route was from 139th street to 116th street on Seventh avenue, west on 116th to St. Nicholas, then south to 110th, east on 110th to Fifth avenue and south past the reviewing stand at 60th street, over 59th street to Park avenue, thence to 42d street, to Madison and to the 71st Regiment armory, where athletic games were held. Acting Major General J. E. Reid of Cleveland and staff was in charge, in the absence of Major General Morris Lewis of Chicago.

Most of the delegates stayed over a few days sightseeing, leaving for their homes Monday and Tuesday.

WILMINGTON B. M. C. CLOSES

Wilmington, Del., Sept. 24.—The Noel-Davis faction of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows held its B. M. C. session in this city, starting Monday and adjourned the evening of the same day. Three hundred delegates from West Virginia, Delaware, Maryland, South Carolina, New York, Georgia and Arkansas were present. The mayor made the welcoming address and Dr. Cornwell Banton responded. Col. Henry Lincoln Johnson, Harry Pace, Benj. Davis and Mrs. Mamie Hailey made the principal addresses. Resolutions were passed and the convention elected the following officers: John S. Noel of West Virginia, grand master; W. T. Francis of Minnesota, deputy grand master; Robert J. Nelson, Pennsylvania, grand secretary; Charles H. Colburn, Delaware, grand treasurer; W. T. Andrews, South Carolina, J. Anthony Josey, Wisconsin, Wm. E. Cornelius, New York, Thomas L. Newton Arkansas, grand directors; R. E. Warner, New York, Harry H. Pace, Georgia, Rev. J. G. Robinson, Tennessee, grand auditors. Hot Springs, Ark., was selected as the next meeting place.

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The Afro-Asian
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Cincinnati, August 26.—Owing to the fact that the recent rains had cooled the hot sands of the desert, many caravans were able to make their way to the city this week to attend the 21st annual session of the Imperial Council of the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles

of the Mystic Shrine.

Travelling by different roads were 500 of their fellow-countrymen who came to attend the seventh biennial session of the International Conference of Knights Templar, which is composed of high degree Masons. The International Conferences of Past Grand Masters, Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries and that of Past Grand High Priests, Grand High Priests and Secretaries of Grand Royal Arch Chapters, the Grand Court of the Daughters of Isis, the Order of the Eastern Star and the Heroines of Jericho.

The Shriners practically began their session with memorial services at St. John's A. M. E. Church Sunday afternoon, the Knights Templar holding theirs at Allen A. M. E. Temple the same evening.

Imperial Potentate Caesar R. Blake, of Charlotte, N. C., and other imperial officers of the Mystic Shrine made their reports at the business sessions held at the Lyceum Theatre. Henry A. Spencer, of New York, presided at the session of the Knights Templar.

A parade of the Mystic Shriners was held Tuesday evening, the camels winding up at the Zoo where an enjoyable evening was spent. The Knights Templar gave a big parade Thursday afternoon, and in the evening a ball at the armory attracted hundreds of handsomely gowned women.

The delegates are glad to be here in the Oasis of Cincinnati but it is no Oasis when it comes to getting something with a kick in it.

Nobles Smith, Howard and John Murphy, Jr., are among the Baltimoreans here.

PYTHIANS CLOSE GREAT SESSION

The Pythians of Alabama closed their most successful session here last week, when they re-elected all officers, except A. C. Donegan who would not stand for reelection as Grand Lecturer. The Endowment Department showed a collection of \$120,000.00 with all current claims paid and a balance of \$89,000.00 in the treasury. Grand Chancellor R. A. Blount was put on a salary of \$200 per month and other officers' salaries were increased. Officers elected are: R. A. Blount, Grand Chancellor; J. W. Gores, Vice-Chancellor; R. L. Mabry, Grand Master of Exchequer; W. H. Brazier, Grand Keeper of Record and Seal; L. Lewis, Grand Lecturer; E. A. Brown, Grand Attorney; Dr. A. B. McKee, Grand Medical Registrar. B. Foster and A. B. Benning were elected Supreme Representatives.

Fraternal Orders and Associations

National Fraternal Congress

The annual meeting of the National Fraternal Congress of America will be held August 24 to 26 at the Hotel Sherman, Chicago, preceded on Monday by the annual meeting of the presidents' section.

American Woodmen

This negro fraternal of Denver, Col., has been licensed in Virginia.

Catholic Relief & Beneficiary Association

On June 29, Jesse S. Phillips, superintendent of insurance of New York, took possession of the Catholic Relief & Beneficiary Association of Syracuse, and took steps to transfer the membership to the American Insurance Union of Columbus, Ohio, recently licensed to transact business in New York. Supt. Phillips entered into a contract with the American Insurance Union whereby the life insurance of all members of the Catholic Relief & Beneficiary Association is to be continued by the American Insurance Union until midnight of July 15, 1920, and thereafter as to all members who accept before July 15, 1920, the benefits of the contract by paying assessments based upon the step rate table set forth in the contract.

This is the sixth reorganization of delinquent fraternal societies which Supt. Phillips has approved. In all these cases the reorganization was effected with other fraternal societies except one, and in that instance the management itself did not deem it feasible to place the members in a fraternal order.

The Catholic Relief & Beneficiary Association was organized January 31, 1893, and attained a membership of 12,400. The total insurance in force on the lives of its members when Supt. Phillips took possession was \$4,710,250. The association did business in New York, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Colorado, New Jersey, Ohio, Michigan, Washington, and District of Columbia. It had 10 grand and 157 subordinate councils. The assets of the association are \$30,094.60, and the unpaid claims and death losses \$54,612.34, leaving a deficiency of \$24,517.74. This deficiency may be partly made up from the amounts which will be received from the American Insurance Union. The 5,000 members received from the C. R. & B. A. will raise the membership of the American Insurance Union to nearly 125,000.

New England Order of Protection

A shortage of \$109,000 has been discovered in the accounts of John P. Sanborn, supreme treasurer of the New England Order of Protection, a fraternal insurance society with about 28,000 members. An audit of the organization's accounts, which Treasurer San-

born had kept at his home, disclosed the fact that the shortage extended back 12 years. According to the supreme warden, \$51,000 in bonds and \$58,000 in cash are missing. A considerable part of the loss has been traced to speculation in stocks. Sanborn, who is 76 years old, has held his office for 29 years of the 33 the society has been in existence. He has been president of the Rhode Island senate and a speaker of the house of representatives.

Improved Modern Woodmen of the World

An organization known as the "Improved Modern Woodmen of the World" has been writing insurance in the State of Kansas for possibly 10 or 11 years without securing a license from the insurance department. The discovery was made by Supt. Frank Travis and a member of the department has gone to Coffeetown, Kan., to investigate. The society's State charter does not grant the right to transact insurance.

Polish Roman Catholic Union

The older members of this Chicago fraternal are raising an outcry against the increase in rates recently promulgated. The order had 104,000 members, but has lost 5,000 since the change in rates was made.

United Brotherhood of Arkansas

Judge John R. Gilchrist of Malvern, Ark., is organizing the United Brotherhood of Arkansas, following the plans of the Mutual Aid Union, an assessment concern of Arkansas. The officers are: John H. Roseberry, president; John R. Gilchrist, secretary-treasurer; R. P. Goodman, R. J. Kight, Robert S. Smith, Jr., S. B. Baker, J. Elmo Young, James Childers, T. J. Fowler, T. W. Jones, J. E. Stanley, directors.

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Secret Societies - 1920

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The final sessions of the 20th B. M. C. were held on Saturday, September 18, and included, among matters attended to, the election of officers, adoption of resolutions, receiving of final reports and adoption of next place of meeting in 1922. With one exception all the old officers were re-elected, Dr. C. C. Johnson of Aiken, S. C., replacing J. H. Johnson of North Carolina as grand director.

Final reports showed the actual number of delegates in attendance to be 2,137, while 3,235 credentials were filed with the committee. The various departments were represented in actual attendance by 1,793 from the lodges, 204 from Households of Ruth, 880 from P. G. M. councils and 140 from Grand Patriarchies. Officials report at least 8,000 visitors, and it is stated that about 40,000 members were in the grand parade on Thursday morning. There were 520 automobiles in the line of march.

Order Worth \$166,084.24

The grand secretary brought out in his report that notwithstanding the removal of large numbers of members from various Southern localities who did not continue their membership in the Order there is a total membership of 550,000. Total assets of the order are reported as being \$166,084.25, of which \$25,326.13 is the cash balance on hand. Cleveland, Ohio, was chosen as the seat of the 1922 B. M. C.

The following officers were elected: Edward H. Morris of Illinois, grand master; Isaac L. Roberts of Massachusetts, deputy grand master; W. David Brown of New York, grand treasurer; James F. Needham of Pennsylvania, grand secretary; A. T. Shirley of Virginia, B. V. Baranco of Louisiana, J. L. Nicholas of Maryland, R. T. Thomas of Florida, and Dr. C. C. Johnson of South Carolina, grand directors; James M. Miller of New Jersey, Charles S. Hill of District of Columbia, and J. E. Reed of Ohio, grand auditors.

Police Pay Tribute.

Resolutions of thanks and appreciation to Governor Alfred E. Smith, Mayor John F. Hylan and Police Commissioner Richard E. Enright were adopted.

In speaking of the session of the Odd Fellows in New York and the conduct of the parade, a fine tribute was paid the order and its friends by Police Inspector Cornelius F. Cohalan of the sixth inspection district and Captain Wm. J. McGrath of the 38th Precinct. Inspector Cohalan and Captain McGrath said that it was the most orderly and best con-

expressed in its official emblem: Patriotism, loyalty to country; Devotion, loyalty to home and race, and Charity, loyalty to the members of the order. No member of the order is allowed to remain out of work if he desires such and is competent. An employment bureau is maintained for the members free of cost, and at each lodge meeting there are always two questions asked: (1) Is there any member who wants work? (2) Is there any member who knows of a vacant position? Thus, without a cent of cost every member is kept constantly employed. This idea is carried even farther. On joining the order every member assumes the obligation to patronize the members of the order engaged in business; and every member engaged in business pledges to give special consideration to the members of the order offering him patronage. The Supreme Order of H. is determined that wherever the official emblem is worn or displayed it will mean honest working people as well as honest, courteous and special business considerations to the race: Douglass Lodge, No. 2; Booker T. Washington Lodge, No. 3; John M. Langston Lodge, No. 4; George W. Lee Lodge, No. 5; Perry H. Carson Lodge, No. 6; Sandy Alexander Lodge, No. 7, and Dunbar Lodge, No. 8. All of these lodges are vigorous, with large memberships and substantial treasuries. In celebration of the establishing of the new headquarters, each lodge has instituted a membership campaign, offering special inducements to all candidates who avail themselves of the opportunity to join during this period. The initiation fee has been reduced to \$2 for the next ninety days, and candidates will be made at each monthly meeting of the lodge.

The Supreme Order of Helpers is now in its new headquarters at 615 F street northwest. The property, an attractive four-story office building of twenty-one rooms, plus a basement store room running the entire length of the building, was purchased recently by the order and extensive alterations made in order to fit it for its headquarters and for professional offices. All the space in the building is occupied and a long list of waiting applicants is in the offices of the national secretary. Besides the headquarters of the order there are on the first floor the law offices of Mr. W. L. Houston, the law offices of Mr. S. M. Dudley, the law and real estate offices of Messrs. Mortimer M. Harris and W. P. between the ages of 18 and 55 years.

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VALUE OF NEGRO LODGES

The forty-eighth annual session of the Grand Masonic Lodge (colored) is being held this week in the Masonic Temple at the corner of State and Fourth avenue, with Grand Master, J. H. Harrison, presiding.

This is only one of the many Negro fraternal organizations of the state and the third to hold its grand session here within the month. Last month the Knights of Tabor held its grand lodge here also the Order of the Eastern Star. At the Knights of Tabor meeting there were fully 1,500 delegates in attendance, while the Eastern Star made up principally of women, had perhaps 350 delegates. Adding to these the visiting members of the Masonic Lodge, now in session there have been in Pine Bluff within the month 2,500 colored visitors. Thus far not a single case for disorderly conduct has been reported and therefore, not a single arrest has been made. This reflects much credit upon the membership and is a high testimony of the wholesome influence exerted by the secret orders.

But these fraternal orders not only train men for better citizenship but encourage thrift as well, individually and collectively, and one next to the church, exerts a better influence on the race than any other known power.

All told there a dozen or more Negro fraternal orders in the state with more than half a million dollars invested in "home offices." The Negro Masonic Lodge on East Fourth avenue is worth \$150,000 and the Mosaic Templars at Little Rock has two handsome structures worth fully \$200,000 and the Knights of Pythias own a large frontage on West Ninth street at Little Rock on which is being erected a large theater and with plans already made for a handsome new office building. The Odd Fellows, with headquarters in Pine Bluff, have recently bought the Miller building on State street which is being improved and which it is proposed to convert into a strictly modern home for the organization.

The acquisition of these properties has manifestly taught the Negro as a race to save for more real estate is held by him than ever before known. As he saves and accumulates in that proportion does he become a better citizen for the enforcement of

law becomes necessary that his state may become a better place in which to live.

Copy of minutes of the proceedings and deliberations of the Negro bodies, their rituals and handbooks have been scrutinized by The Commercial and not a line of vicious propaganda has ever been contained therein. The teaching of the lodges on the other hand encourage friendship and good feeling towards all men and necessarily the fraternal orders are composed of the best of the race with nothing but lofty purposes as a goal.

Call Zone for Race at Dallas "Buzzard Grove"

Dallas, Tex., March 19.—The segregation of our race in South Texas and the establishment of a white zone was proposed at a meeting of the South Dallas Improvement League, which was held recently at the Forest Avenue High school. The portion to be occupied by our people was referred to as "Buzzards' Grove" by some of the members of the league.

The white zone as proposed would begin at the Houston & Texas Central railway, extend east on Cooper street to Pondrom, north on Pondrom to Lenway, east to Atlanta, south about 300 feet on Atlanta to Cooper, thence east to Myrtle street, south on Myrtle to Casey, east on Casey to Wilder, south on Wilder to Opey alley, thence south on Opey alley to Eugene.

Baltimore, Aug. 20, Gratiating process, including the erection here of a temple costing \$75,000, was reported at the 72nd annual communication of the Most Worshipful United Grand Lodge of Masons of Maryland last week.

The following officers were elected: Joseph E. Evans, grand master; W. E. Fletcher, deputy grand master; Charles Shinn, grand senior warden; Marshall Jenkins, grand junior warden; George T. Duppins, grand secretary; Eugene P. Queen, grand recording secretary, and R. P. Spay, grand treasurer.

MRS. C. K. ROBINSON ATTENDS MEETING AT WACO, TEX.

Mrs. C. K. Robinson, supreme inspector, O. O. C., accompanied by Mrs. Anna Mundy, supreme receiver of deposits of Kentucky, left Friday morning for Waco, Texas, by order of the Supreme Vespertine Council, Mr. Ernest Tidington of Indiana, for supreme endowment meeting, Monday, Nov. 8, at 10 o'clock a. m.

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Whites Ask Court to Stop Shriners From Wearing Pins

First Grand Mason

Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 31.—A suit to enjoin members of the Mahomet Temple No. 34, a voluntary unincorporated fraternal society, composed entirely of members of our Race, was filed in Chancery court here last week by attorneys for the officers and members of Al Amin Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine (white). The suit, if successfully carried out, will prohibit members of the Mahomet Temple from wearing Shrine pins and fezzes and from advertising and calling themselves Shriners.

Elks Case Recalled

The white order in its suit alleges that the defendants are not qualified to become members of the "Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine," and that they have been using "Ancient and Egyptian Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine," as the name of their organization, "to deceive the public by a colorable imitation of the name under which the imperial council works." Similar action was started several years ago in which the Order of Elks among our Race was attacked and by court injunction forced to supply the word "Improved."

K. of P.'s Saved

The effort to change the name of the Knights of Pythias was made by whites throughout the south, but by an appeal to the United States Supreme court the decision of the lower court was reversed. Judge Alton B. Parker, who once ran for the presidency of the United States on the Democratic ticket against the late Theodore Roosevelt, represented the K. of P.'s of our Race.

First American Masons

Emphasis upon the effrontery of the prejudiced southern Masons is brought out by the well known fact that our Race men were the first of the ancient order in the United States. The history of Masonry tells how the first charter for a lodge was brought to this country by a British officer who, before he had an opportunity to organize it, was killed in the battle of Bunker Hill. The British charter fell into the hands of his body servant, who was a man of the Race, and to whom proper authority was transferred.

The first Masonic lodge was established in Boston, and it was from this that all other lodges on this continent sprang. The first grand master was Prince Hall, and George Washington, father of the country and its first President, were inducted into the order from this source, and, many authorities aver, under this jurisdiction. Of course, as time went on the whites dominated the order out of sheer force of numbers, but no one but a southerner, blinded with race feeling, would think of flying in the face of the facts about the origin of the organization of Masonry in this country. Best informed Masons in the world would marvel at this attempt of southern Shriners, when not only the American practice of the great ritual came from Race men, but its primitive origin is from the Race.

A Jewish Version

"We wonder where all of this unreasonable piffle will end," said a prominent Jewish Mason. "The foolish have been at this miserable meanness for a score of years or more. It seems that they are trying to take the 'knee' out of the Negro to cripple him, but as long as 'gro' is left I guess he will continue to grow in numbers and strength."

GRAND COUNCIL A. U. K. & D. OF A. IMPRESSES QUINCY

Spectacular Parade Draws
Most Favorable Comment
—St. Louis Drill Team Is
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Officers are Recipients Of
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St. Louis Argus 9/10/20
The National Grand Council of the Ancient United Knights and Daughters of Africa, just closed its thirteenth annual session, which was a most successful session, two hundred delegates

being present from the following states: Indiana, Ohio, Missouri, Illinois, Kansas, Connecticut and California. Financial reports were the best since the Order was organized.

The Military Department, under the leadership of Major General J. A. Shackelford, made a splendid showing. This Department has been organized less than a year. The uniforms are beautiful, and their great street parade in Quincy, headed by the famous A. U. K. and D. of A. First Regiment Band, was the most spectacular affair ever seen in Quincy. The competitive drill, Thursday night, September 2nd, at beautiful Highland Park, brought out a large crowd of Quincy people, whose applause was liberal to all of the companies. The first company to come on the floor was the Quincy Cadets, under the command of Capt. Shumaker; next was Company M, headed by the gallant little captain, Harrison Morris, who gave a splendid exhibition drill under regulations, and received tremendous applause. Then came the much-talked-of company, the famous ST. LOUIS DRILL TEAM, under command of Captain Charles Dixon. This company won the first prize on the capital city, Indianapolis, Ind., last year. They were bedecked in white serge suits, with gold trimmings, and cape coats, lined with blue satin, white felt hats, with gold bands; and was acknowledged by the people of Quincy to be the most natty uniform ever worn in the City of Quincy. Their maneuvers were the talk of the city, they making every letter of the Order in their famous drill, A. U. K. and D. of A., and when they left the floor, the applause was deafening, people in the gallery throwing handkerchiefs and flowers on them, and for almost twenty minutes pandemonium existed. Major General J. A. Shackelford gave this company their first training less than a year ago. Mrs. Ada Harris, State Grand Queen of Missouri, is the sergeant of this company, and Mrs. Rachel Leonard is treasurer of the company, with rank of a sergeant, and too much praise cannot be given these two good women for the company's success.

Many presents were presented at the Grand Session to different Grand Officers. Grand Master William Herbert Fields received a gold ring, mounted with three diamonds from the St. Louis Council. He also received a handsome hand-worked handkerchief bag from the delegates of Indianapolis, Ind., and many other smaller presents.

Dr. George M. Cathrell, National Grand Secretary-Treasurer, received a handsome baby buggy. Mrs. Ada Harris, State Grand Queen of Missouri, received twenty-five dollars from the Councils and Juveniles of St. Louis, and also received a beautiful white silk waist. Mr. Ernest Patillo, National Deputy Grand Master, received a box of good cigars. Major General J. A. Shackelford, head of the Uniform Department, received twenty-five dollars from his staff officers and friends, which was presented to him by National Grand Master Fields on

the floor, just before the big contest begun. Mrs. Ada Goins, State Grand Queen of Indiana, received a purse of thirty-one dollars from the Indiana delegation. She also received five dollars from the Juveniles of Indiana, namely: Jewel, Zambesi, Ada, Golden Leaf. It was the most harmonious session ever held in the State of Illinois.

The following officers were elected: William Herbert Fields, National Grand Master; Ernest Patillo, Deputy Grand Master; Dr. George M. Cathrell, Secretary-Treasurer; Mrs. Dora Cannon, National Grand Queen; Mrs. Mamie Draper, National Deputy Grand Queen; Mrs. Julia Cordell, National Inspector of Finance; Mrs. Josie R. Henley, National Grand Auditress; Mrs. Leona Dixon, National Grand Princess; J. A. Shackelford, Major General Uniform Department; Rev. S. D. Davis, Inspector General; Mrs. Louisa Hayden White, National Secretary-Treasurer Juvenile Department; Rev. T. L. Scott, National Grand Chaplain; Mrs. Belle Kennedy, National Grand Right Maid of Honor; Mrs. Eva Bailey, National Grand Left Maid of Honor; E. L. Westbrook, National Grand Guard.

State Grand Queens.

Mrs. Ada Harris, Missouri; Mrs. Eliza Jackson, Illinois; Mrs. Hattie Baldwin, California; Mrs. Ada Goins, Indiana; Mrs. Margaret J. Green, Connecticut; Mrs. Rosa Jackson, Kansas; Mrs. Rowena Mays, Ohio.

National Deputies.

Mrs. Mary J. Charleston, Indiana; Mrs. Elizabeth Copeland, Indiana; Mrs. Allie Goines, Missouri; Mrs. Virginia Allen, Missouri; Mrs. Gussie Gleaves, Illinois.

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Twenty-First Annual Convention of Organization Is in Session.

Nearly 10,000 negro delegates and visitors to the twenty-first annual grand lodge sessions of the Improved Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of the World arrived in Kansas City yesterday to attend the convention which started yesterday and will continue until Friday. Reservations have been made for 75,000 delegates, it was announced yesterday. Virtually all the delegates arrived on special trains.

The first official session of the convention was held last night at the Allen chapel, Tenth and Charlotte streets. The grand lodge sermon was delivered by Grand Chaplain Rev. G. C. Cummings of Baltimore, Md. An address was made by Harmon W. Scott of Washington, D. C., past grand exalted ruler. Special sessions during the week

will be held at the Lincoln theater. Eighteenth street and Lydia avenue.

A parade of the visiting delegates will be held at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon through the business section, in which there will be 5,000 marchers, ten bands and 600 motor cars. The street carnival on the Parade at Seventeenth street and the Paseo will be maintained throughout the week.

George W. F. McMechen of Baltimore, Md., is the grand exalted ruler street and the Paseo will be maintained by negro Elks in the United States and 400 in Kansas City.

Oust Morris as Odd Fellows Head

Chicago Defender
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J. S. Noel, West Va., Is
Legal Grand Master

Philadelphia, Pa., April 30.—Hon. E. H. Morris of Chicago, Ill., national grand master of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, was stripped of power here last week in Judge Ferguson's common pleas court No. 3 in a suit with W. T. Noel, plaintiff. The judge entered an order of "ouster proceedings," making J. S. Noel, West Virginia, national grand master. The other officers will be: W. T. Francis St. Paul, V. G. M.; R. J. Nelson, Harrisburg, Pa., G. S., and C. H. Colburn, Wilburn, Del., G. T.

The New Board

The new board of directors will be W. P. Kemp, Detroit; W. T. Andrews, Baltimore; Editor J. A. Josey, Madison, Wis.; W. A. Cornelius, New York. The court room was crowded when the decision was rendered. Judge A. M. Beitler of this city represented the Morris-Needham faction and George Wharton Pepper, one of Pennsylvania's greatest lawyers, represented the Noel faction. He was assisted by Henry, Bodine and Stokes. Benj. Davis of Atlanta, Ga., was present and made a damaging witness against "Morris the Tiger."

Cause of Suit

The cause of the suit is the failure of the regularly constituted body of Odd Fellows to hold their B. M. C. in New York city in compliance with the laws of the order and instructions of the 17th B. M. C., which met in Washington, D. C., in 1916. It is claimed E. H. Morris called it off, owing to war conditions. The other side went to the place selected, which was New York, and held the meeting and elected officers, who should have taken their offices in January, 1919, but the other side refused to give them up, hence the quo warranto proceedings to establish their claim to the offices to which they claim they were properly elected. It is said that after E. H. Morris called off the meeting he recalled it and held a meeting there at the same time.

Crowds Overflow St. John's at Fraternity Educational Rally

6-12-1920.

Editor R. L. Vann of 'The Competitor' and 'Pittsburgh Courier' in Scholarly Address Proves Need of Higher Education.

Pi Chapter of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity launched the drive for the "Go to College" movement at St. John's A. M. E. church Sunday night. It was a memorable occasion. From an early hour hundreds filled the spacious auditorium of beautiful St. John's—loaned for the occasion through the courtesy of Rev. J. S. Jackson and the trustees—until when the hour for opening the exercises arrived there was not a vacant seat left, latecomers being obliged to stand.

The committee of arrangements, under George P. Hinton of Pi chapter, presented a splendid battery of speakers, who drove home with unmistakable force and emphasis the appeal to the audience.

Attorney John E. Ballard of the local chapter opened the meeting with an invocation, after which Ormond A. Forte, member of the National Commission, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, was introduced as chairman.

Dr. Chas. H. Garfvin, also a member of the National commission, spoke on the "National Significance of the Go-to-College Movement." The speaker told the audience in brief how the plan of the fraternity was formulated, declaring that the small percentage of Colored young men and women in the colleges of the country was due to lack of interest in things educational, and that the fraternity at its last convention determined to arouse interest among the young people by a movement of this sort.

Miss Dessa Clements of the Western Reserve School of Pharmacy rendered a solo, accompanied by her sister, Mae, of the Indiana Conservatory of Music, after which Attorney Hazel Mountain of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority was introduced.

Miss Mountain's subject was "The Character Value of Education," and she covered all the points with a clearness and vision that did justice to the theme. Every word burned with enthusiasm as the speaker

analyzed the attributes of character which are dependent upon education.

Ralph W. Bell, executive secretary of Western Reserve university—who, by the way, is the youngest executive secretary of any university in the country—gave the audience "the inside" of "How to Go to College." He dwelt on the necessity of selecting the right school in which to get one's education, especially in the professions, and advised all high school students to see to it that their records in preparatory training for college be high, if they hoped to gain admission into the better universities. The speaker also discussed the financial side of the undertaking and said that the earning power of an individual working four hours per day during the college year, and vacation period in full, would easily pay all the expenses of a college course. Mr. Bell's remarks were encouraging and were exceedingly well received.

After a second vocal number by Miss Clements, Mr. Harry H. Pace of the Pace & Handy Co., a graduate of Atlanta university, was introduced for a few impromptu remarks. Mr. Pace emphasized the need of college education in every field of business and told how necessary it was for even the successful business man to keep on learning more, if he expected to survive.

Attorney R. L. Vann, of Omnicron chapter, the principal speaker, who was introduced as an exponent of "perpetual motion," was the principal speaker. Mr. Vann, who is a graduate of Virginia Union, and the University of Pittsburgh, is editor of "The Competitor," a monthly magazine; "The Pittsburgh Courier," one of the leading national weeklies, and assistant city solicitor of Pittsburgh, held his audience spellbound with his remarkable flights of oratory. His address abounded in convincing logic, as with point after point he drove home "The Need of Higher Education." Editor Vann declared that the standard to which all Americans must measure up is being daily advanced, especially where "the brother" is concerned. He

decried our habit "of imitating the other fellow" instead of using our own initiative, and ventured the opinion that unless "the brother" kept a fast pace in the educational race he will not be able to compete with the dominant Anglo-Saxon.

Mr. Vann reminded his hearers that the Colored man was no longer a "novelty" in educational circles, but, instead, he has "really arrived," and the only thing left for him to do is to "keep arriving." In conclusion, he paid a tribute to Mr. Jackson of Boston, the inventor of the "deep-sea diving outfit," who has demonstrated to the other group that the Colored man, too, can pioneer.

Tumultuous applause greeted Editor Vann at the conclusion of his masterful address. After the offertory, during which the choir of St. John's, under the direction of Carroll Scott, rendered Handel's Hallelujah Chorus from "The Messiah," Dr. Jackson, pastor of the church, pronounced the benediction, and the most successful educational meeting ever held in Cleveland passed into history.

Odd Fellows to Build Hall

The New York Age

Seven Story Building in Heart of Harlem Properly Equipped.

2-14-20.

A Large Auditorium

With Ball Room Capable to Accommodate 5,000 to 6,000 People.

The "Passing of Manhattan Casino" brings into prominence the projected plans of the various organizations of Negroes, both fraternal and commercial, having as their objects the erection of the theatre, office and auditorium buildings. In another column reference is made to the Headquarters Building Association of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, and The Age is printing below a letter received from James F. Adair, district grand secretary of that Order, which tells in detail of the building proposed to be erected on West 135th street, just west of The New York Age building.

Mr. Adair's Letter.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE AGE:

As a fraternal organization member in New York City for more than twenty years, I read your article in to-day's issue of THE NEW YORK AGE, headed: "Passing of Manhattan Casino as a Resort for Pleasure" with a great deal of interest. I was especially interested in the last paragraph of your article to the effect that fraternal organizations in New York should combine their forces and erect a place of their own suitable for all of their fraternal needs, and that such a place should combine lodge rooms with other necessary features to meet the needs of the various organizations.

Permit me to say that you are quite correct in your suggestions as to what should be done. However, the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows long ago anticipated this need, and through the Headquarters' Building Association of said order has already taken steps to supply the need, now more pressing than before, for a large building properly designed and equipped for the various needs of fraternal organizations for meeting rooms, lodge rooms, ball rooms, reception rooms and an auditorium suitable for all social and fraternal purposes, not only for the Odd Fellows, but also to meet the social and fraternal needs of other organizations, especially those located in Harlem.

Secured Harlem Site.

In trying to meet this need, the Headquarters' Building Association secured a site consisting of six lots (with the buildings thereon) located at 234 to 244 West 135th street, right in the center of Harlem, conveniently located, only two doors from THE AGE office, undoubtedly one of the best sites for a great fraternal building in Harlem. This site is large enough to give us an auditorium larger than any in the city available for our people.

We expect to erect on this site a seven story building substantially as follows, at a cost of about \$150,000: First floor, theatre, store and offices; second floor, offices; third floor, the entire space to be devoted to a ball room, to contain at least twelve thousand square feet of floor space, sufficient to accommodate from five to six thousand persons at a ball or other social affair; fourth floor, two small reception rooms and lodge meeting rooms; the other three floors are to be devoted entirely to lodge meeting rooms, large and small, to suit all kinds of organizations, each with a sufficiency of closet and ante-room accommodation. The roof is to be arranged so that a roof garden and restaurant may be conducted thereon.

Rents to Be Reasonable.

The rentals are to be reasonable and not more than is being charged now by various halls for inferior accommodations. All rooms to be fully furnished and equipped with the latest designs in lodge room furniture and fixtures, everything necessary for the comfort and convenience of the various members to be provided.

It seems to me that a building of this

kind, located in the center of the colored population of Harlem, ought to fill a long felt want and supply a service that ought to be appreciated, and not only that, but that it would pay a reasonable profit to those who put their money into such a project to bring it to a realization. The property owned by the Association could be disposed of at a considerable profit, it having been bought in 1916 before the great advance in property, but it is being held for the purpose of erecting a fraternal building on it for the Odd Fellows and other organizations.

The Headquarters' Building Association, office, 2340 Seventh avenue, corner 137th street, Oscar Brewster, office manager, is offering first mortgage, five per cent registered bonds, at \$10 each. Those interested may call between 7 and 10 p. m.

It seems to me that the events of the past few years, from a fraternal standpoint, should indicate that an opportunity of this kind started by the Odd Fellows of New York, representing their large membership, should be loyally supported to the end that the building so greatly needed by the fraternities of Harlem may be erected on the most centrally located site in Harlem.

JAMES F. ADAIR,

District Grand Secretary.

THE SHEPHERDS MEET IN THE TENTH ANNUAL SESSION.

Sh. Shepherd
Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland and Washington, D. C., Repre-

The best and most prosperous session ever held by the Improved Order Shepherds and Daughters of Bethlehem, convened in the Sixth Mt. Zion Baptist church, September 7th, at 10 A. M., The Grand Shepherd having declared the Grand Fold opened, the names of the Folds were called and a larger representation responded than ever before.

Tuesday evening the report of the Grand Shepherd and the Grand Secretary-treasurer were read which showed the organization to be in a prosperous condition.

Tuesday night, addresses of welcome were delivered by Rev. C. A. Cobbs and Hon. John Mitchell, Jr.

A few minutes after 10 o'clock September 8th the convention was hard at work, many things for the general uplift to the Order was done.

Hon. Ferdinand D. Lee also made an appeal for a monument to be erected to the memory of the Negro soldiers who fought and died on all the wars of this country. A collection was taken for the same.

Wednesday night Rev. R. V. Peyton pastor of the Sixth Mt. Zion Baptist church brought a message to the Order which was laden with good instructions.

practical lessons as well as spiritual Thursday the last day found the

Grand Fold still engaged in the mission of the Convention. Constructive work of a superb nature was done at this session.

The Grand Officers elected by the people for the next twelve months were as follows:

J. Thomas Hewin Grand Shepherd, Richmond, Va.; N. J. E. Moore, vice-Grand Shepherd, Pittsburg, Pa.; A. C. Clark, Grand Secretary-treasurer, Richmond, Va.; Lottie Young, Grand Recording Secretary, Fredericksburg, Va.; Delilah Jones, Grand Degree Mistress, Richmond, Va.; Alexander Coleman, Grand Chaplain, Wingina, Va.; Mary J. Jenkins, Grand Deputy, Scottsville, Va.; Sadie Talleferro, Grand Senior Staff Supporter, Fredericksburg, Va.; Ellen Wyatt, Grand J. S. S., Pamplin, Va.; D. M. Haskins, Grand Inside Porter, Prospect, Va.; L. W. Redwood, Grand Outside Porter, Arvon, Va.; Lucy Randolph, Grand Keeper of Wardrobe, Charlottesville, Va.; J. A. Bollen, Grand Master of Seals, Appomattox, Va.; Clara Coleman, Grand Regalia Maker, Wingina, Va.; Directors: A. W. Cawthorne, Appomattox, Va.; A. C. Clark, Richmond, Va.; W. J. Cousin, Richmond, Va.; E. T. Jenkins, Richmond, Va.; Amanda Denson, Richmond, Va.; N. J. E. Moore, Pittsburg, Pa.; Austin Johnson, Fredericksburg, Va.; C. A. Webber, Enonville, Va.; Lucy J. Morgan, Enonville, Va.; Harriet A. Yancey, Esmont, Va.; J. A. Bolden, Evergreen, Va.

The following prizes were presented by Mrs. Q. E. Miller of Staunton, Va., with fitting and timely remarks to the six successful deputies in the two year campaign in the order as indicated below.

Miss Mary J. Jenkins brought in 741 members, received \$50.00.

Mrs. Bettie Pryor brought in 710 members received \$50.00.

Mrs. M. W. Garland brought in 674 members received \$50.00.

Mr. Austin Johnson brought in 297 members received \$15.00.

Mrs. Amanda Denson brought in 287 members received \$15.00.

Mr. W. A. Allen brought in 181 members received \$5.00.

On Thursday night fraternal greetings were brought the Grand Fold in session by the following representatives: Mr. J. W. Thompson, Good Samaritans; Dr. W. A. Smith, True Reformers; Mr. Charles McClaiborne, Four and Twenty Elders; Rev. F. W. Black, Students and Faculty of the Virginia Union University; Mrs. Lelia Williams, Rt. W. G. Council I. O. of St. Luke; Mr. J. A. Hines, Order of St. Lukes, Supreme Council; Mr. E. F. Johnson, Richmond Beneficial Insurance Co.; Mr. B. L. Jordan, Southern Aid Society of Va.; Mrs. Ora Brown Stokes, The Governor of Va., the War History Commission, the Richmond Neighborhood Association.

This sitting found our Order estab-

lished in Virginia W. Virginia, Maryland, New Jersey and the District of Columbia. The next annual sitting will be held in the District of Columbia with the Pride of Washington Fold No. 193.

We are on our march to the highest point in fraternalism and we do not expect to stop until this peak has been reached and our tents set up. Every man, woman, boy and girl, from two years old to sixty who are desirous of becoming a part of this great Order that has blessed its thousands will please make it known by communicating with the Home Office, Mechanics Bank Building, 214 E. Clay street, Richmond, Va., Room 409. A. C. Clark Secretary.

ODD FELLOWS B. M. C. LARGEST IN HISTORY

OLD BOARD OF OFFICERS ELECTED

1,800 Delegates Were
In Attendance

NEXT SESSION TO BE HELD AT CLEVELAND, OHIO

New York, September 20th—The B. M. C. (Biennial Motable Committee) of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows of America, which closed its sessions here on Saturday of last week, will go down in history as the largest and most notable gathering of this great fraternal organization in its 77 years of existence.

More than 1,800 delegates representing as many lodges, sat on the daily sessions, attentive to the reports of the officers, the legislation considered and the various other items of concern to the order of three links of friendship, love and truth.

Aside from this meeting of the B. M. C. delegates, were the meetings of the auxiliary branches—the Grand Household of Ruth (female branch), the Grand Patriarchy (military branch) and the conference meeting of past grand masters councils. The attendance of delegates at these auxiliary quite equaled the number making up the B. M. C. of male lodge delegates. There were present at the meeting of the Grand Household of Ruth considerably more than 1,000 duly accredited delegates. Practically every state in the Union was represented, from California to the Atlantic and from the Great Lakes to the Gulf of Mexico. There were also present delegates from the Dominican Republic, Porto Rico, Africa, Cuba and other of the West-

Indian islands.

South Carolina held first place as to representation, there being about 45 delegates from lodges and about 35 from households of Ruth. North Carolina was a close second. Georgia was represented by more than half its lodges and households in good standing with the Sub-Committee of Management. Delaware had a representative from every lodge, household, council and patriarchy in the state. This representation was augmented by brass band and two companies of patriarchies, besides a large number of visitors. West Virginia had present delegates from more than half of its financial lodges and households.

In addition to Delaware's full representation other jurisdictions having every branch represented were New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, District of Columbia, Minnesota and Massachusetts. Virginia and Maryland each had more than 100 delegates.

There were present at the public session in the large armory of the Seventy-first regiment more than 6,000 persons. This gathering was the first of the week, and was called to order at 12 o'clock Monday morning September 13th. Welcome addresses were delivered by Governor Smith, Police Commis. Euright (representing the mayor), and Hon. Charles W. Anderson, former collector of customs of the port of New York. Appropriate responses were made by the grand officers of the order.

The report of the grand secretary James F. Needham, showed that there had been a decided gain in membership since the last biennial meeting, and that the financial condition of the order was excellent, notwithstanding abnormal expenditures on account of increased costs of administration and maintenance, and litigation into which the order had been forced by certain expelled and discredited disruptionists.

Of the more important items of legislation were the unanimous endorsement of the Sub-Committee of Management in its course in postponing the B. M. C. from 1918 to 1920 and its conduct in recent litigation; the enactment of laws giving the Sub-Committee of Management full power and authority to effectively deal with interim emergencies and to more effectively control and suppress destructive insubordination of individual members of the order; for more extended expenditures in administration; provision for more adequate pay of the grand officers; and for an increase in the per capita tax from 10 cents to 20 cents.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

Grand master, Hon. Edward H. Morris, Chicago.

Deputy grand master, Dr. Isaac L. Roberts, Boston, Mass.

Grand secretary, James F. Needham, Philadelphia.

Grand treasurer, W. David Brown, New York.

Grand directors:

B. V. Baranco, Baton Rouge, La.

Dr. C. C. Johnson, Aiken, S. C.

Jesse Nicholas, Govans, Md.

A. T. Shirley, Herndon, Va.

Robert T. Thomas, Pensacola, Fla. These grand officers constitute the Sub-Committee of Management. Only change made was Dr. C. C. Johnson, grand auditor, was elected as a grand director, vice J. H. Johnson, of Salisbury, N. C.

Grand Master Morris, Deputy Grand Master Roberts, Grand Secretary Needham and Grand Treasurer Brown were re-elected unanimously by a rising vote.

The grand auditors chosen were Jas. M. Miller, of Newark, N. J., reelected; Jacob E. Reed, Cleveland, Ohio; and Charles S. Hill, of Washington, D. C.

In the Grand Household of Ruth:

"Hello Bills" End Grand Lodge Session

Hold Annual Election and Select Boston for 1921; Chicago Takes Prizes

Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 3.—This city bedecked in the royal purple and white presented one gay occasion at the twenty-first annual session of the I. B. P. O. E. W. Geo. F. McMechen was elected to succeed himself by acclamation. Five hundred and thirty delegates were present besides thousands of friends and relatives. The Great Lakes Lodge of Chicago carried off all the prizes offered except the one for having the most delegates, which went to Washington, D. C.

Officers Elected

The following were the officers elected: Geo. F. McMechen, Baltimore, grand exalted ruler; Geo. Bates, Newark, N. J., grand secretary; Jas. T. Carter, Richmond, Va., grand treasurer; Carey Truehart, Atlantic City, grand esteemed leading knight; Walter Dixon, Washington, D. C., grand esteemed loyal knight; John P. White, Richmond, Va., G. E. lecturing knight; Q. J. Gilmore, Kansas City, Mo., grand trustee; Edgar Still, Reading, Pa., grand esquire; Leslie Ash, Chicago, G. I. G., and Roy Morgan, Atlanta, Ga., grand tyler.

Boston Selected

Boston was selected as the meeting place in 1921, but not until after a lively fight and only when New York, seeing it could not land the convention, swung its strength to Boston. The biggest feature of the session was the parade, which was held Tuesday, Aug. 24. It was formed at Twenty-sixth and Vine streets and promptly at two o'clock started its march through the city. The parade was headed by mounted policemen of color and a division of Boy Scouts followed by the Lincoln high school band.

Bands a Feature

The long line included sixteen divisions and their bands, representing various lodges in drill costumes, three local bands and about 200 motor cars, led by the grand exalted ruler and his aides. As the parade passed the city hall it was largely cheered by the city

officials and members of the Chamber of Commerce, who viewed the procession. The grand ball held that evening at the Convention hall was attended by ten thousand, and the music was furnished by the Great Lakes band of Chicago. The ball extended into the wee hours of the morning.

Wednesday night a contest was scheduled for the prize for the best band. Kansas City, Omaha and several other bands gathered to compete, but after the Great Lakes band had played three pieces and started off the field the crowd rushed them and refused to "let go." The jazz they had expounded was too good to end so soon and the other bands voluntarily withdrew.

Visitors and friends as well as the delegates were made to feel at home, and the entire city as well as the local lodges won't be forgotten soon by the visitors. Many amusing incidents happened during the week. Policemen from Chicago and St. Louis were on hand to protect the crowd from the pickpockets, who came here to reap a harvest.

SUPREME OFFICERS 1920-22

Supreme Circle of Benevolence,
The Supreme Circle

Hon J. H. Watson, S. R., Albany, Ga. 4-3-20.

Rev. W. C. Brown, V. S. R., Philadelphia, Pa.

Rev. W. F. Satterwhite, S. T., Albany, Ga.

Mrs. C. I. G. Thompson, S. S., Albany, Ga.

Hon. H. H. Holder, S. A., Cairo, Ga.

Mrs. A. V. Goff, S. L., Albany, Ga.

Mrs. N. J. King, S. L. Jacksonville, Fla.

Rev. W. R. Forbes, S. C., Macon, Ga.

Dr. J. H. King, S. M. E., Albany, Ga.

Hon. H. Asberry, M. E. B., Albany, Ga.

Dr. W. D. Johnson, Auditor, Plains, Ga.

Dr. I. G. Glass, Auditor, Thomasville, Ga.

Dr. P. W. Greatheary, Auditor, Atlanta, Ga.

OFFICERS ELECTED

The following are the officers elected at the Convention:

E. C. Morris, Helena, Ark., president; W. G. Parks, D. D., Philadelphia, vice president-at-large; R. B. Hudson, A. M., Columbia, Secretary; T. O. Fuller, Memphis, E. Arlington, Dallas, Texas; C. H. McDonald, Hannibal, Mo.; J. M. Norbit, Augusta, Ga., assistant secretaries; A. Jackson Stokes, Montgomery, Ala., treasurer; C. H. Parrish, D. D., Louisville, Ky., statistician; M. M. Rodgers, A. M., Dallas, Texas, auditor; Charles Stewart, A. M., Chicago, general missionary; W. H. Moses, D. D., Philadelphia, field secretary; J. W. Bailey, D. D., Marshall, Texas, superintendent evangelism.

School Fraternities.

DELTA SIGMA THETA
SOCIETY CONVENES
IN WILBERFORCE

(By the Associated Negro Press.)

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Dec. 13.—The Delta Sigma Theta Sorority will hold its annual convention at Wilberforce University, Wilberforce, O., December 23 to 30, inclusive. Enthusiastic and intense interest among the members and friends mark this approaching event.

The growth of this organization of Negro college women seems almost incredible. In seven short years this Fraternity has created chapters at nine representative American colleges, a chapter of graduate members at Howard University, and a Grand Chapter of the sorority. Its members now are counted by the scores and include many prominent and influential women among the honorary members. This sorority has been a great factor in the college life of Negro girls and portends to become an even greater influence and power in their lives at college and after the good old college days.

The chapter list reads as follows: Alpha chapter, at Howard University; Beta chapter, at Wilberforce University; Gemma chapter, at University of Pennsylvania; Delta chapter, University of Iowa; Epsilon chapter, Ohio State University; Zeta chapter, University of Cincinnati; Eta chapter, University of Syracuse, and Theta chapter at Cornell University.